Annual Report
# of the
Town Officers

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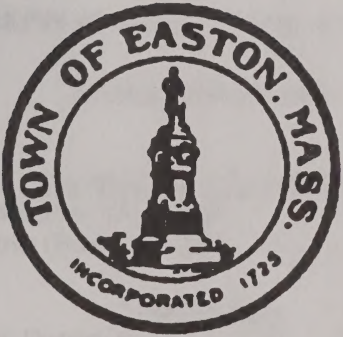
INCORPORATED 1725

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Easton

For 1998

TOWN OF EASTON

Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	19,807 (1990 Federal Census) 22,659 (1998 Town Census)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Total Assessed Valuation as of January 1, 1998	$1,269,240,019
Town Meeting	Second Monday in April
Town Election	Fourth Monday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON

United States Senators

John F. Kerry	Edward M. Kennedy

Representatives in Congress

Ninth Congressional District (Pcts. 2A, 4, 5, 6)	John Joseph Moakley, Boston
Fourth Congressional District (Pcts. 1, 2B, 3)	Barney Frank, Newton

State Senators

Second Plymouth & Bristol District: (Pcts. 1, 2, 4, 5)	Robert S. Creedon, Jr. Brockton
Norfolk Bristol & Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 6)	Jo Ann Sprague, Walpole

Representatives in General Court

Eleventh Plymouth District: (Pcts. 1, 2A, 4, 5)	Geraldine Creedon,Brockton
Eighth Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 6)	David L. Flynn, Bridgewater

Governor's Councillor

Second District	Kelly A. Timilty, Canton

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR C. WOODWORTH

JEAN C. BARRY

WILLIS G. BUCK

GENE T. FARRELL, SR.

MARION F. NYE

ROSS J. BRIDGE

ESTELLE A. MARSAN

HELEN W. JOHNSON

HARRY O. DEAL

GEORGE E. SAWYER

JUDY A. GILL

In recognition of services of these dedicated citizens who performed their civic duty with enthusiasm and pride, the citizens of Easton hereby give formal expression of its grievous loss and does hereby note in its records their passing from this life and extend to their families their heartfelt sympathy.

TOWN OF EASTON ELECTED OFFICERS:

MODERATOR

Richard C. Dailey	2000

SELECTMEN

Frederick W. Clark	2001
Carla A. Goodwin	2001
Jeffrey L. Tufts	2000
Patricia E. Webster	2000
William D. Hardin	1999

ASSESSORS

Charles C. Willis	2001
John A. Keach, Jr.	2000
Gerard S. Marsan	1999

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lennart K. Altieri	2001
Marc R. Brockman	2001
William J. Flynn III	2000
William P. Braun	1999
Caroline S. O'Neill	1999

BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert J. Kane	2001
William Grimes	2000
David E. Gardner	1999

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sylvia C. Gardner (State Member)	2004
Michael J. Malloy	2003
Daniel M. Crane	2002
Sandra L. Conant	2001
June H. Brousseau	2000

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David W. Brown	2001
John J. Kent	2001
Heidi M. Churchill	2001
Bruce E. Baker (resigned 12/5/98)	2000
Christopher D'Arpino	2000
Brian D. Herr	2000
Robert L. Hicks	1999
Gloria J. Stafford	1999
Allen R. Barron	1999

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ralph Armstead	2002

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator
Martha Leigh White, Asst. Town Administrator
Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant
Martyn H. Lincoln, Town Attorney
Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk
Esther C. Anderson, Town Clerk Emeritus
Jean A. Shearing, Assistant Town Clerk
Cynthia M. Curry, Treasurer and Collector
Pamela J. Berglund, Asst. Treasurer/Collector
Anne M. Carney, Assistant Assessor
Dolores M. Kent, Veterans Agt./Council on Aging Director
Annalee M. Bundy, Library Exec. Director
Melalnie DeSantis, Recreation Director
Marc R. Rousseau, Town Planner

William J. Simmons, Ed. D., J.D., School Supt.
Judith M. Frederick, Ed. D., Assistant Supt.
John J. Walsh, Administrative Asst to Supt.

Roger A. Hill, DPW Director
Edward C. Jacobson, Supt. of Streets
Wayne P. Southworth, Supt. of Water Division
John J. Marsh, Asst. Supt. of Water Division
Richard Hayes, Supt. of Central Maintenance
Peter Huie, Town Engineer

Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief and Forest Warden
Norman F. McNeil, Deputy Fire Chief

Stanley P. Bates, Jr., Police Chief
Allen R. Krajcik, Deputy Police Chief
John D. Melin, Animal Control Officer
Elizabeth J. DeRosa, Asst. Animal Control Officer

Wallace M. Fulcher, Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer
Albert K. Greiner , Code Enforcement & Wiring Inspector
John F. Amorim, Assistant Wiring Inspector
Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Barton R. Carlson, Asst. Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Wallace M. Fulcher, Sealer of Weights and Measures

Wade D. Saucier, Board of Health Director
John D. Melin, Animal Insp. and Milk Inspector

John A. Keach, Jr., Deputy Moderator
John F Creedon, Deputy Moderator
Carla A. Goodwin, Deputy Moderator

CONSTABLES:

Robert Babineau	2001
Jerold Loomis.	2001
Harold L. March	2001
Neil J. McGrath	2001
John Melin	2001
William E. Scharnick	2000
Jerome Zeidman	2000
Roger R. Guerette	2000
James A. Carey	1999
Oswald Braadland	1999
Scott Crelease	1999
Michael Freeman	1999
Ronald Martin	1999
Joseph Monti, Jr.	1999
John Hurley	1999
Margaret Carey	1999
Paul Foley	1999
Michael Bombas	1999
George A. Mather	1999

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:
(In Alphabetical Order)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Joseph A. Derian, Jr. (Resigned 12/8/98)	2003
Stephen Pinzari	2003
Paul G. Pino	2002
Stephen J. McAlarney	2001
Stephen A. Freitas	2000
Walter Mirrione	1999
Michael J. McCoobery, Alternate	1999
Paul D. Mullen, Alternate	2000

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David W. Brown	2001
David Linde	2001
David S. Wood, Jr.	2001
Lewis N. Aries, Jr.	2000
John E. McMorrow	2000
Scott Rubin	2000
George Tyrrell	2000

CANOE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Philip Barske	2001
Wayne P. Southworth	2000
William D. Hardin	1999

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Bruce Baker
Michael J. Boyle
Sharyn Katz
Paul Dubois

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE (Continued)

Wendy V. Nightingale	Town Accountant
Colin Gillis	Planning & Zoning Board
David W. Brown	Finance Committee

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Raymond Phillips	2001
John D. Melin	2000
Edward Rogers	1999

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Frederick Clark, Jr.	2001
Barry DunKley	2001
John E. Grant	2000
Forest E. Henderson	2000
Michael G. Sites	1999

COUNCIL ON AGING

Phyllis Kiessling	2001
Nicolina Previti	2001
Marie Healey	2000
Mary C. Scully	2000
David V. Welch, Sr.	1999
Elizabeth A. Verity	1999
Francis H. Spillane	1999
Dolores M. Kent, Director	

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Jennie DunKley	2001
Susan P. Harrington	2001
Jennifer A. Edwards-Hawkins	2001
Gino DelGuercio	2001
Celeste Howe	2001
William J. MacMullen	2001
Susan Hadge	1999
Walter Messcher	1999
Sharyn Katz	1999

FENCE VIEWERS

John A. Keach, Jr.
Robert L. Hicks
Frank Meninno

FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Philip Barske
Barry DunKley, Historical Commission
Paul Fruzzetti
John J. Kent
Paul Marino, Jr.
Alan Roscoe
John Webby
Frederick W. Clark, Jr., Conservation Comm.

HANDICAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jean H. Cote	2001
Patricia Dahl	2001
Charles W. Cramer	1999
Joanne Noel	1999
Carla A. Goodwin	1998
Edward Jacobson, ADA Coordinator	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Gloria J. Stafford	2001
Barry R. DunKley	2001
Edmund C. Hands	2000
Kathleen A. O'Reilly	2000
John Ventresco	2000
Greg Galer	1999
Frank T. Meninno	1999

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Scott Bamford	2001
Carolyn Tabaie	2001
Philip Barske	2000
Patricia O'Donnell	1999
Colin W. Gillis	1998
Stephen A.Freitas, Board of Appeals	
Esther E. Anderson, Resource Person	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

David R. Morse	2001
Leo N. Turcotte	2000
Kenneth Carlson	2000
Richard L. Freitas	1999
Robert L. Hicks	1998

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS

William M. Ames	2001
Kathleen E. Boyle	2001
Hazel L. Varella	2001
Edwin C. White	2000
Daniel Churchill	2000
Gloria J. Stafford	2000
James S. Thomas	1999
Gerard S. Marsan	1999
Donna P. Richman	1999
Annalee M. Bundy, Executive Director	

OCEC ELDER SERVICES

Elizabeth Verity, Board of Directors

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative

OCPC - AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVIS. CTTE.

Muriel MacAfee, Delegate
Phyllis Kiessling, Alternate

OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Roger A. Hill, Representative

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

David Boch	2003
Christopher J. Kone	2002
William J. Meehan	2001
Colin W. Gillis	2000
Mark S. Bartlett	1999

PUBLIC FACILITIES STUDY COMMITTEE

Peter B. Yochim
Paul D. Mullen
Kenneth Carlson
David W. Brown
Richard Hayes, DPW, Central Maint. Div.
Carl Abramson, Handicap Adv. Commitee
Greg Galer, Historical Commission

RECREATION COMMISSION

Alex Szymulo	2001
Stephen Torrey	2001
Charles H. Hammond	2000
Stephanie Coose	2000
Donald Edmonston	1999
Michael P. Gallahue	1999
Patrick Goodman	1999
Melanie DeSantis, Director	

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Edward C. Jacobson, DPW Rep.	
William Grimes, Board of Health Rep.	
James Azevedo	1999
Michael Graff	
Lawrence Ramondi	1999

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Jean H. Cote	2001
Albert W. Fleury	2000
Jean M. Kent	1999
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk	

VETERAN'S AND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

Mary C. Scully
Louis G. Silva
John Flynn
Ernest R. Camara
Daniel B. Amorim
Paul H. Tanner

WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Shirley Tufts	2001
Bradley W. Lacouture	2000
James D. Mullen, Jr.	1999

Wayne P. Southworth, Water Superintendent &
Local Water Resources Management Officer

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

John F. Hurley, Chair
Chairman Board of Selectmen
Chairman School Committee
Commander George F. Schindler Post VFW
Commander George S. Shepard Post, A.L.
John D. Melin
Robert J. McLaughlin

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Easton:

In April, 1998, after the re-election of Frederick Clark and the election of Carla Goodwin, the Board was reorganized with William Hardin as Chairman and Patricia Webster as Clerk. Patricia Hunt chose not to run for re-election. We appreciate her years of service to Easton and wish her well for the future.

This has been a very busy year, with many important decisions to be made. A number of studies and reports have been authorized by the Town Meeting. Those reports have been coming to the Board of Selectmen for their study and their further recommendation back to Town Meeting for action.

The landfill must be closed by July, 1999. After considerable study by our consulting engineers, the Board of Selectmen will be bringing recommendations concerning trash collection and the landfill closure to the Annual Town Meeting.

Recommendation concerning the disposition of the surplus, outdated schools will be made to the Town Meeting after careful review of the proposals submitted. The Fire Services Study is under review at this time and action on it will be recommended to the Town Meeting.

We are carrying out the vote of Town Meeting by proceeding with the design and construction of an addition to the library. Since this is a joint effort by both public and private entities, there have been many legal, technical issues to resolve. Those issues have been resolved to the satisfaction of both parties after many meetings. Much credit is due to those involved.

We continue to try to protect Easton's interests in dealing with the MBTA concerning commuter rail. The MBTA is not an easy organization to talk to.

A Special Town Meeting has authorized a Growth Management Study. A professional organization was hired and that is on-going at this time.

The combined effects of rapid growth and inadequate State funding, especially Chapter 70 education funding, continues to create a substantial pinch on Town budgets. We are hoping that the new Education Reform Law, scheduled to be voted by the Mass. Legislature in 1999, will bring the Town substantial new education funding.

We are fortunate to have many dedicated citizens that volunteer to serve on the various town boards, committees and other activities. Without their tireless efforts the quality of life in Easton would be greatly diminished. We offer to them out heartfelt thanks.

The backbone of any community is the employees. We are truly blessed in Easton to have outstanding employees. Our thanks to you for a job well done.

For an unprecedented ninth consecutive year Easton was recognized as having the best safety programs of any city of town in Massachusetts. This prestigious award footnotes the hundreds of thousands of dollars which the Town's safety effort saves in insurance costs each year. Special thanks to the Executive Loss Control Committee for their leadership in coordinating our safety efforts.

A special thanks to Kevin Paicos, Town Administrator; Martha White, Assistant Town Administrator; Shelly Meehan Executive Secretary; and Mary McCarthy Administrative Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

William Hardin, Chair
Patricia Webster, Clerk
Frederick Clark
Jeffrey Tufts
Carla Goodwin

EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1998 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Easton:

The following report is submitted herewith:

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 IS AS FOLLOWS:

In December, 1998, the Department of Revenue certified the fiscal year 1999 tax rate at $16.84 per thousand dollars of assessed value. This amount reflected a reduction in this year's tax rate due to the state reimbursement on the new Olmstead/Richardson School. The assessment date for fiscal year 1999 was January 1, 1998 and the assessed values were determined by a statistical analysis of sales that occurred during calendar year 1997.

Assessed Value of Real Estate	$1,267,715,400.00
Assessed Value of Personal Property	18,164,971.00
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	$1,285,880,371.00

Expenditures:

Appropriations	$ 38,482,726.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	30,984.00
State & County Charges	281,945.00
Overlay	314,586.45
Total Expenditures	$ 39,110,241.45

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	$	9,010,890.00
Local Receipts		3,505,000.00
Offset Receipts		568,996.00
Enterprise Funds		2,151,943.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds		2,219,187.00
Total Receipts & Available Funds	$	17,456,016.00

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION: $ 21,654,225.45

Tax Rate = 21,654,225.45 / 1,285,880,371.00 x 1,000 = $16.84

GERARD S. MARSAN, CHAIRMAN
JOHN A. KEACH, VICE-CHAIRMAN
CHARLES C. WILLIS, CLERK

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee every year review, analyze, and make many suggestions for change during the budget process. Last year this Committee met 28 different nights to review all Town Department Budgets and to review all Warrant Articles before any Town Meetings. We had three Town Meetings in 1998, the Annual (April) and two Special Town Meetings, (June and November). Several meetings for transfer of funds from the Reserve Fund were also scheduled and voted.

The November Special Town Meeting resembled the Annual Town Meeting in April. There were 27 Warrant Articles which were an unprecedented number of Warrant Articles at any Special Town Meeting in Easton.

The recent Growth Management Study report predicts what Easton might look like 5, 10 and 20 years into the future. As the Finance Committee reviews the future needs identified in the growth study, there are concerns referring to revenue and the tax base. Will we continue to rely on property taxes with the restraints of Proposition 2 1/2? Is the answer in more commercial and business growth? Does the answer lie in more State funding? All these questions and more will need to be addressed in the very near future and the Easton Finance Committee will play a significant role. We look forward to that challenge.

The Finance Committee will miss two valued members from our Committee. Mario Ferretti decided not to run for re-election in April and Bruce Baker resigned in January of 1999. We thank Mario and Bruce for their many years of service. At the Annual Town election John Kent and David Brown were re-elected and Heidi Churchill was elected for the first time.

Many thanks to our Committee Secretary Shelly Meehan for her work on behalf of the Finance Committee. Our personal thanks for everything Shelly has done with such dignity, efficiency, and grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen R. Barron, Chairman	Robert L. Hicks, Vice-Chairman
Gloria J. Stafford, Clerk	John J. Kent
David W. Brown	Christopher L. D'Arpino
Brian D. Herr	Heidi Churchill

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In the fifth year of the implementation of the Education Reform Act the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on long range plans to meet increased enrollment and space concerns. School Councils, which brought individual improvement plans and creative ideas to each of the schools, worked in concert with the School Committee and school administration. The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents and the community-at-large once again provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of Easton's students.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced a number of significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details which made up the lives of Easton's young people and adults during the past year.

STAFF LOSSES

During the 1997-98 school year two very well respected, talented and dedicated staff members passed away. Patricia Gutauskas, a grade 6 teacher for many years in the system who was teaching at the Olmsted School, and Janet Barron, a long-time special education teaching assistant and summer program coordinator at the Moreau Hall School, are greatly missed by their fellow staff members, present and former students, and the entire Easton educational and parent community. Scholarships in each of their names were awarded for the first time at the June, 1998 Senior Class Night at Oliver Ames High School.

UNIQUE EVENTS

Easton's two new schools, the F. L. Olmsted School and the H.H. Richardson School, opened for their second year of operation in September, 1998. These two schools helped to address K-6 enrollment demands and to support the programmatic needs of Easton's increased student population at the elementary level. At the K-3 level, each of the three primary schools welcomed the completion of state-of-the-art playgrounds for students and members of the community.

At the secondary level, grade 7-12 staff were involved in assessing the MCAS results and their implications for curriculum revision and course resequencing. Item analysis, the use of open-ended questions, and test taking strategies were focused upon. The junior high school, through a second restructuring grant, refined the year 2 implementation of Teaming at both the grade 7 and grade 8 levels. Both secondary schools used creative scheduling and relied upon the support of those involved in school athletics, community sports programs, and physical education classes to maximize space utilization during the conclusion of the various elementary school construction phases.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The class of 1998 was highly successful in reaching its goals. Over eighty-six percent enrolled in four-year colleges, junior colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Approximately eleven percent elected to join the world of work, two percent the military, while one percent were exchange students.

The class of 1998 also set a new record for accruing the largest financial aid total to date. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued their generosity by contributing to the many scholarships raised within the community.

While students continued to achieve above state and national levels in the SATs, Advanced Placement test scores in English Language and Literature, United States History, and Calculus indicated that more than 80 percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or above, thus entitling them to college credit. Twelve high school students earned Commended Student status from the National Merit Scholarship competition, and two students were named as finalists. Easton's Academic Bowl Team again won the honor as champion of the South Shore League.

Twenty-five students took advantage of dual enrollment opportunities at Bridgewater State and Massasoit in both the spring and fall semesters, while others were involved in coursework at Stonehill College for both high school and college credit. The Business and Technology Department's Shadow Program, improving career education, had more than one hundred students shadow local employees in thirty-nine area companies for a day to learn about a previously selected occupation. Eight students were enrolled as Tech Prep students and received college credit at participating colleges. Also, courses in Industrial Technolgy earned Tech Prep status from technical higher education schools.

A number of high school and junior high school students were involved in three days of intensive training in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. The program is in its fifth year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving student issues and peer conflicts.

This past year saw a combined high school and junior high school Future Problem Solving Team address community problem solving issues and be selected as winner in this category in the state competition, with the opportunity to represent Massachusetts in national and international competition.

At the junior high school, Peer Assistant Leaders continued to provide assistance for students new to the building. In addition to providing information to grade 6 students at the Olmsted and Richardson schools, students assisted at all afternoon and evening functions held at the junior high school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed new members into the Society in the spring and undertook a number of community service projects, including the NRT Harvest Fair, the Holiday Festival at the Rockery, the Lions Club Auction, the Mainspring House clothing initiative, and tutoring students after school who needed the extra help. Junior high school students also participated in the 5th annual Teen Harmony Day at the Fleet Center, a day long event celebrating diversity and tolerance in preparation for Make A Difference week in the spring. An outgrowth of this involvement was a new student organization, HANDS, through which Easton students dedicated themselves to promoting tolerance and respect for others, and focused on ways to help achieve a non-discriminatory society.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. These included Children's Museum/Boston Symphony Orchestra, NRT, Easton Lions Club, Easton Water Department, Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards, Wang Center, Stonehill College, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, and Art All-State. Major winners and honorees during the year included Katie Klencheski, Susan Loomis, Rachel Silverman, Meghan Edmonston, and John Her. Student work was exhibited at many locations throughout the year, including the high school's alumni art gallery, the art hallway in the high school, the central administration office, the "Welcome Mat" mural in the high school, the Easton Water Department, the Fuller Art Museum, the Easton Marketplace, the Brockton Art Center, the Attleboro Art Museum, the Transportation Building in Boston, Stonehill College, the Smarts Collaborative, and the Wang Center.

In Music, the retirement of John Schuller and Scott Trach's relocation to Maine led to program changes within the department. Beth-Lori Tenenbaum took over the Richardson/Olmsted Band program, and her students performed extremely well at the December, 1998 Winter Concert. Steve Conant assumed the responsibilities previously held by Mr. Trach, and his debut with the Concert Bands was a terrific success. The Oliver Ames Jazz Band won the Gold Medal at the Southeast District Jazz Festival and at All-State, and performed at the Esplanade in Boston. Also, at the Berklee Music Festival, Kevin Williams and Leon Silva won the top awards in their respective divisions. The OAHS Show Choir, Panache, was again chosen Grand Champion at the Eastern Show Choir Festival in Waltham, receiving top honors in Instrumental, Vocal, Choreography, and Show. Panache hosted the Bay State Show Choir Festival, and very successfully represented Massachusetts in the finals of competition held in Branson, Missouri. The 1998 OAHS musical production of "Guys and Dolls" was directed by Mrs. Dalrymple and proved to be a tremendous endeavor. The Easton Chamber Orchestra earned a Gold Medal at the MICA Festival in Foxboro and performed at the Massachusetts Music Educators Conference held in the spring. The Easton Junior High School Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra and Chorus each earned a Superior or Gold Medal rating at the Great East Music Festival in North Andover. Patrick Noonan, Megan Fergusson, Jennifer McGill, Jennifer Willis, Aaron Fiske, Rebecca Nelson, Audrey Rose, Gilija Aukstikalnis, Kevin Williams and Nathan Goldstein participated in the 1998 All-State Festival, Megan Fergusson was selected to perform with the 1998 All-East Orchestra, and Christina Grandy sang the soprano solo at the Chamber Orchestra performance in Dalton, Massachusetts. TEMPO continued to provide much financial and emotional support.

At the elementary level, the second annual winter concert at the Olmsted/Richarsdson schools was held during the December, 1998 holiday season, and featured the combined Olmsted and Richardson fifth grade chorus, sixth grade chorus, orchestra, chamber orchestra, and band. Also, work is continuing on the integration of music with the other elementary content subjects.

In Social Studies, students were involved in Community Service, the Washington, D.C. Close-Up Program, Student Government Day, the Academic Bowl Team, the Mock Trial program at both the high school and junior high school levels, National History Day for Grade 8 students, the National Geography Bee for Grades 7 and 8, the two day Hockomock Senate, the Lions Club Speech Competition, and the Pvt. George F. Schindler Post of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest.

The World Languages Department continued its exchange initiative with Forges-les-Eaux, France with its twelfth exchange program, and participated in an exchange program in February with the Instituto Alarcon in Madrid, Spain. For the first time, both French and Spanish students were in Easton together living with local families and attending Oliver Ames High School. A group of junior high school students also toured French Canada during the summer, and in April a group of students visited Rome, Italy to study Roman culture and history.

In Family and Consumer Sciences, students baked cookies for the Easton Firefighters annual children's party, quilted baby quilts for donation to needy children, donated handsewn cloth dolls to the Boston Medical Center pediatric ward as part of the "Fifth Annual Doll Project" sponsored by the hospital, cooked holiday meals for elderly citizens involved with the Council of Aging, prepared refreshments for the Science Fair, altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, and sponsored outdoor barbeques for the three junior high school classes.

Students in English Department classes were involved in numerous activities during the year. Andrew Boch won the department's 1998 Poetry Slam contest, while Thomas Dempsey won honorable mention in this year's Rodman Ford essay contest. To encourage writing across the curriculum, students focused on writing assignments from other disciplines in addition to those assigned by their English teachers. Grade 7 and 8 students researched areas related to the Titantic Exhibition, and worked on an interdisciplinary unit using elements of science, math, social studies, and art to enrich John Steinbeck's novel, The Pearl. Grade 9 students viewed a performance on Shakespeare, made available through a grant from the Easton Cultural Society, and sophomores produced thematic videos to augment their analytical reports on literary topics. Students in grades 11 and 12 visited Sheep Pasture to enrich their study of Henry David Thoreau, wrote letters to servicemen and women who were overseas during the holidays, and presented reports on the Medieval Era in which they used multi media aids and dressed in period costumes.

In Physical Education, participation in the high school interclass volleyball tournament and the junior high school golf tournament was excellent. Also, five hundred and thirty students took part in the junior high school's "Muscato Mile" in the spring, and first place winners at the three grade levels included Katie O'Brien and Drew Harrington, Sarah Powell and Adam Kayce, and Kate McCarthy and Justin Murphy. Individual school track meets and spring field days brought together the student, staff and parent volunteer communities.

Secondary science students earned college credit by participating in the rigorous MCET Satellite program through the University of Massachusetts, while students also competed in the State Science Olympiad competition. Liz Monin, Flannery Surette, Kim Eranio, Dave Cleary, and Allison Cella-Mowatt participated in the annual state Envirothon and collected awards in several categories.

The following Industrial Technology students received awards in the Dr. Thomas King Memorial Drafting Contest: Mechanical Drafting - Amy Hight, Scott Hurzd and Mark Begley; Architectural Drafting - Sara Curran and Sara Furber. Students receiving Awards of Excellence from the New England Institute of Technology for their recognized skills in selected fields were Shawn Melendy, Andrew Cohenno, Michael Kelley, Ian Richardson, Mark Begley, Scott Hruzd, and Sara Curran..

Students were quite active in the Future Business Leaders of America program, with Brian McLaughlin elected as Vice President of the Massachusetts Chapter and Stephanie Rochel elected as the Massachusetts State Reporter. Also, David Cleary, Stephanie Rochel, Yot Sae Teng, Charlotte Dunne, Alexa Dunne, and Michelle Amato all won awards in statewide competition.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the outstanding projects displayed in the elementary school invention conventions, with grade 5 winners including Tyler Sutton, Caleigh Sullivan, Jeffrey Weeks, Zachary Brackman, Zachary Langway, Jessica Miller, Jilliam Anderson, Janelle Gerety and Richard Walker; the success shown in the New England Math League, where Kyle Willis tied for second place in Bristol County competition; involvement in the James Taylor Writing Program competition, in which grade 6 student Marjanna Dubois was selected as one of twenty-five runner ups in a field of 13,000 entries nationally; the opportunity to participate in the grade 5 and 6 National Geography Bee, in which Ryan Walsh and Richard Carroll were first place winners; participation in the Johns Hopkins Talent Search, in which Evan Stone won recognition at the state level; the accomplishments of the Future Problem Solving Teams; student participation in the social competency programs; the DARE Program and World of Difference curriculum; and, individual school programs for students such as the science olympiad, poster contests, school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, artists-in-residence, family math nights and citizen of the month programs.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers in the elementary schools participated in workshops, mini-courses, and graduate courses on a number of topics, including the following: Assessment; Curriculum Implementation (Reading and Mathematics); Strategies for Meeting the Needs of a Diverse Group of Learners; the Grade 6 Social Development Program; Using the Quick Cam Digital Camera as a Teaching Tool; Literature Circles; Learning Styles; Understanding Teaching I; Guided Reading in the Primary Classroom; Using a Networked Computer; Using the Internet; Computerized IEP Training; Introduction to Gradebook; and, Social Competency.

At the secondary level, professional development initiatives focused on a number of topics, including the following: Using Open-Ended Assessment Tasks to Evaluate Learning; Using a Networked Computer; Problem Based Learning; Introduction to Window's 95 and Microsoft Office; Teacher Thinking; Critical and Creative Thinking and the Curriculum Frameworks; Computerized IEP Training; Understanding Teaching I; Hyperstudio; and, Using the Internet.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT/ACTIVITIES

At the elementary school level, Pat Svajian and Karen Danielson of Parkview School participated on the Massachusetts Performance Assessment Committee, which focused on the use of portfolios in the classroom and the application of the state frameworks to everyday teaching. Also at Parkview, Mary-Ellen Toscano, school principal, was awarded her Doctorate in Education in the area of Language Arts and Literacy from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Chris Margulies worked with staff members throughout the school district on professional development, the creation of technology and curriculum guides, the continuation of the technology club at the high school, technology troubleshooting in the various school buildings, and coordination of technology efforts in the Richardson and Olmsted schools.

Mary Twiraga of the Moreau Hall staff received the Bristol County Education Association Outstanding Educational Achievement Award, and Alyson Sousa received the Association's Friend of Education Award. At the Center School, Rita Sudhalter was chosen as a PALMS Math, Science and Technology Leader for the Southeastern PALMS coalition, while Center's principal, Michael Green, continued to serve on the Massachusetts Elementary School Principals Board and as Director of Bristol County.

Sherrie Banchiere, Grade 4 teacher at the Richardson School, continued her participation as one of Easton's representatives in the state's Project PALMS Leadership Training Program. Richardson School teachers Jeanne Baxter and Kathy Gentile, and principal Margaret Lynch attended a week long summer institute sponsored by the Department of Education to learn scoring procedures and then participate in the scoring of the long composition component of the MCAS.

Nancy Hauck, Ann Foresman Morse and Mary Jo McLaughlin wrote two curriculums for the newly formulated Early Childhood Tech Prep Program which were approved by the Curriculum Coordinating Council. This new collaborative initiative between the preschool program at Parkview School and the high school is scheduled to start in September, 1999.

At the secondary level, English Department staff member Caroline Paulino completed work for her Masters Degree in Counseling, Gail McCarthy was one of two junior high representatives to the Cranberry Alliance of Middle Schools, Jan Ferreira coordinated the junior high's Student of the Month program, and Elaine Hanson graded the new teacher examinations for the Department of Education..

Members of the Guidance Department were involved in numerous activities and endeavors, including Amy Meehan, co-advisor of the junior high school Student Council; Maureen Sherback, advisor to the Peer Assistant Leaders and to the newly developed HANDS initiative; Fran Yung, co-advisor to the high school Peer Mediation Program; Bill Sullivan, who completed his second term as president of the South Shore Guidance Association and was treasurer of the Easton Scholarship Fund; and, Birute Silvia, who was reelected as liaison between the Massachusetts School Counselors' Association and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Charlene Dalrymple continued to direct the Chorus at Stonehill College, was soloist at the Cathedral of Holy Cross and was Director of the United States Youth Chorale. Doug Anderson was the Massachusetts Coordinator of the National High School Honors Orchestra, and served as guest conductor of the Western District Junior High School Festival Orchestra and the United States Youth String Ensemble which performed this summer throughout Europe. Carol Porter directed the childrens choir at Unity Church in Easton, while Steve Conant was Drum Major for the Light Brigade Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. Beth-Lori Tenenbaum continued work on her doctoral program at Shennendoah University.

Science Department members Bob Gordon, Kasi Lundberg, Ellen Russell, and Chair Dave Ryan completed new curricula for physics and technical physics, while Kathy Harp of the Business Technology Department developed the approved curricula for Microsoft Office Database and Spreadsheet. Also in the Business Department, Jean Churchill attended a graduate course, Cyberworks, Technology, and Project Based Learning, which was a critical prerequisite in Easton's successful submission of a state approved grant to implement project based learning through technology at the secondary level. In addition, Jean became advisor to two new school activities, the LEO Club and the American Technology Honors Program.

Members of the Social Studies Department were active in a number of student activities. Eveline Johnson and Debbie Salisbury were the Student Council Advisors, Bruce Field advised the Hockomock Senate Program, Ellen Simmons coordinated the Washington, D.C. Close-Up Program, Bruce McSheffrey coordinated the National History Day initiative, and Ed Hands coached the Mock Trial and Academic Bowl Teams. In addition, Mrs. Johnson received her Master's Degree in History, Mr. Field became President-Elect of the South Shore Council for Social Studies, and Ms. Simmons received an award from Womansplace Crisis Center that recognized her outstanding efforts to educate students about domestic violence issues.

Fran Ialenti, World Languages Department chair, completed his two year term as a member of the Evaluation Committee of the Council of Standards of Educational Exchange. In addition to coursework completed and seminars attended by other department members, Denise Sylvester traveled to France and Ron Riley to Spain during the summer months. Also, Dan Garzoglio coordinated Project Harmony - A World of Difference at the junior high, and Claire Planeta and Ron Riley continued to direct the National Honor Society.

Upon the retirement of an outstanding department head and teacher, Jaan Veenpere of the Industrial Technology Department, Vincent Mack was selected as the new Industrial Technology Department Chair. Through the Industrial Technology Department, all repairs on equipment and furniture were done under the direction of Mr. Mack and his students. Also, staff members in the department completed a number of courses for professional improvement, including coursework on engine troubleshooting and maintenance, technology, and motivational techniques.

The Easton school nurses enhanced health offerings through active membership with the Brockton School Department's coalition of school nurses. The Easton school nurses also instituted an emergency handicap evacuation plan for school buildings with the Easton Fire Department, and co-sponsored the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son evenings with the Health Education Department.

Kathy Kenney, Library and Media chair, continued to make use of several new technologies including a CD-ROM tower for text-based research that facilitates electronic retrieval of information, distance learning via satellite, internet access, and participation in the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Library System.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

The Curriculum Coordinating Council, under the direction of Dr. Judith Frederick, Assistant Superintendent, continued its emphasis on aligning the Easton Public Schools curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Nine standing curriculum committees are working under the direction of the coordinating council: Science, co-chaired by Dr. Michael Green and Dave Ryan; Math, co-chaired by Dr. Andrew Miller and Doc Harrison; English/Language Arts, co-chaired by Mary-Ellen Toscano and Joan Nicholaides; Health, chaired by James Mitchell, Kathy Kelly and Elaine Clement-Holbrook; Technology, co-chaired by Chris Margulies and Jean Churchill; Physical Education, chaired by Ron Trinque; Social Studies, co-chaired by Margaret Lynch and Edmund Hands; World Languages, co-chaired by Fran Ialenti and Robert Smith; and the Arts, co-chaired by Judith Yankopoulos and Doug Anderson.

New curricula, developed by the standing curriculum committees and approved by the Curriculum Coordinating Council and the Easton School Committee, have been implemented in the following areas: Word 3.0; Advanced Database; Desktop Publishing; and Grade 8 Integrated Science. A Tech Prep program has been instituted at the high school in two departments: Business Technology and Industrial Technology. A third area, Early Childhood, is under development for implementation in the 1999-2000 school year.

In May, 1998, students in grades 4, 8, and 10 participated in the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) testing program. Following the release of the results in the beginning of December, parent seminars were held to disseminate the information and to discuss improvement strategies.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At OA more than 50% of OA students participated in an athletic activity, with nearly 25% participating in music or drama.

A number of the varsity sports teams were very successful this past year. The girls soccer team and boys cross country team both won state championships. In addition, the boys basketball team, boys soccer team, varsity baseball team, and the girls and boys cross country teams all won Hockomock League titles and participated in MIAA tournament competition. The girls basketball team, the golf team and the tennis team also qualified for MIAA tournament competition.

A significant number of Easton athletes were selected to league all-star teams and recognized by area media outlets. At the completion of the fall season the Boston Globe in its fall All-Scholastic section recognized Caitlyn Lynch as Girls Soccer Player of the Year and Andy Powell as Cross Country Runner of the Year. Named to the All-Scholastic Team were Chris Johnson in Boys Cross Country and Erin O'Brien in Girls Cross Country, Mike Johnson in Golf, and Seth Clark in Boys Soccer. Also, Britt Sellmayer was named Girls Soccer Coach of the Year by the Boston Globe.

In addition to the varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 9 junior varsity programs, 4 freshman programs and 5 programs at the Easton Junior High School. Programs completely supported by outside funding groups included the freshman field hockey team and the ski team.

The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year awards banquets. The student athletes and coaches of the Easton Public Schools are again extremely appreciative of the financial and fan support provided by the community.

CONCLUSION

The last year was certainly a time of change and transition within the school system. While we continue to be concerned about resources for the expectations that we have for ourselves and our increased student population, we also continue to be grateful for our many blessings. We appreciate the support of the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, the various booster groups, and F.E.E.E.; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among all the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simmons
Superintendent of Schools

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Easton School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

In April, Michael Manning stepped down after serving six years with the Committee. Mr. Manning was subsequently honored as the Easton Public Schools' Volunteer of the Year, in recognition of his numerous and meaningful contributions to the system. In the Annual Town Election, Lennart Altieri, incumbent, was re-elected to serve another three-year term, and Marc Brockman was elected to a three-year term.

The system's proposed $17,855,957 budget for FY99 was approved by Town Meeting in June. This represented slightly more than a six percent increase over the FY98 budget. The funding increase was used to add several positions to accommodate growing enrollment; to address new programmatic needs in both regular and special education; to implement new and revised curricula consistent with the State Curriculum Frameworks; and to provide additional professional development, as mandated by the Education Reform Act.

We extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes to the following members of our school community who retired during the year: John Walsh, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; James Elson, Richard Hill, John Schuller, and Jaan Veenpere, members of our teaching staff; and Clayton Hill, Syd Shearing, and Jean Visnauskis, members of our support staff. The Committee is expecting an unprecedented number of retirements in 1999, reflecting a trend in school systems nationwide. Plans are underway to replace the principals of Oliver Ames High School and F. L. Olmsted School. In addition, we are preparing to recruit more than a dozen new teachers for the upcoming school year, to replace professional staff who intend to retire when school ends in June. As we contemplate the many personnel changes that will be taking place in the year ahead, it is, for us, a period of reflection, of some sadness and anxiety, but also of anticipation and great expectations.

The principle challenge faced by the Committee during the year was the continued decline in per pupil expenditures relative to other school systems. The Education Reform Funding Subcommittee, which was appointed in the fall of 1997, continued to lobby the Department of Education, the Department of Revenue, and Easton's State Legislators, for an adjustment to what we view as an extremely unfair funding formula established under the 1993 Education Reform Act. Although the efforts of the subcommittee did not lead to a change in the way state spending is calculated, it is hoped that when the formula is revised in FY00, Easton will be in a more favorable position. It appears clear that the city-dominated legislature is unlikely to address funding inequities before then.

In the State of Massachusetts, 1998 might well be termed the Year of Accountability in Education. For the first time, a written examination was added to the requirements for new teacher certification. In addition, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), a testing program for fourth, eighth, and tenth graders, was implemented statewide. Despite our low per pupil costs, Easton students did relatively well on the MCAS, scoring overall in the top third of school districts in the State. The MCAS is proving to be an excellent diagnostic tool, one that will help us determine where best to direct our limited resources.

For the fourth year, as required under Education Reform, the School Councils submitted School Improvement Plans to the Committee for approval. The plans developed by the councils clearly reflected the individual culture and direction of each school, as well as the enormous contributions of parents, teachers, and community members in every one of our seven buildings.

At the K-3 level, the enthusiasm of students and teachers alike has skyrocketed with the introduction of several exciting new curriculum initiatives. Use of technology in the classroom has grown, although not as rapidly as would be possible with more substantial funding in this area. Parent volunteers in the elementary grades continue to provide countless hours of support and enrichment in the classroom.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders, and teachers, are enjoying their second year in the big, bright H. H. Richardson and F. L. Olmsted Schools. Not only does the design of the schools promote important educational objectives, but the shared "core area" of the two schools has become a true community center, with all manner of groups - from athletic teams to Town committees - making use of the library, gymnasium, and cafeteria. The system remains extremely appreciative of the Town's decision to support the construction of two wonderful buildings that we expect to benefit our children for many years to come.

At the Easton Junior High School, teaming in the seventh and eighth grades is in the full swing for the second consecutive year, with a third eighth-grade team having been added in September. From its inception, responses to this initiative among students, staff, and parents have been almost universally positive.

Oliver Ames High School has received a significant technology boost, thanks to funds from the Town's capital budget, as well as to a number of very able volunteers, who wired the building for connection to the Internet and set up much of the new equipment. The students continue to make their parents - and us - proud of their remarkable achievements in every possible area, including academics, athletics, and the arts.

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the administration and staff, and of hundreds of parent volunteers, the Easton Public School system remains strong, despite inadequate - and inequitable - support by the State. We will continue to lobby for increased fairness in the State formula that dictates the level of funding for each district, and to explore additional avenues for expanding our resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline S. O'Neill, Chair
Lennart K. Altieri, Vice Chair
William P. Braun
Marc R. Brockman
William J. Flynn III

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MR. RALPH ARMSTEAD, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Southeastern offers 21 high school technical training programs and seven technical institute post-secondary programs. On October 1, 1998, 1,156 students were enrolled in the high school and 166 students were enrolled in the technical institute.

Easton's share of the total FY'99 $3,889,573 assessment represents 57 students at a total cost of $347,397.

Grants from a variety of state and federal sources augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern Regional received funds from federal programs such as IDEA-Special Education Entitlement, Special Education - Supporting Access to the Curriculum, Dwight D. Eisenhower - Professional Development, Title I - Safe and Drug Free Schools, Perkins - Occupational Education Vocational Skills, and Tech Prep. Commonwealth of Massachusetts grants for Health Protection, Essential Skills and Technical Training were used to improve instruction. Collaboration with MY TURN provided students with increased school to career and English acquisition activities.

Southeastern continued to serve as a project manager for statewide Technology Literacy grant. Additional grant funds were used to support a special project for single parents. We were able to continue a Goals 2000 Preservice grant for beginning teachers. This grant enables the district and partners to match senior teachers with new teachers, to provide mentoring. In concert with the University of Massachusetts at Boston, a graduate course will be provided.

We are excited about these innovative and progressive grants that have the potential for sustained and profound impact on the performance of teachers in the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) grades for tenth grade students indicate the need to continue the development of curriculum frameworks in core courses offered at Southeastern. Students as well as teachers explore new teachings strategies that promote more problem-solving criteria, improving the quality of instruction, both academically, as well as vocationally.

Some off-campus projects include building a 40x80-foot addition to the Brockton High School Sports Complex. Masonry, carpentry, electrical and plumbing students participated with their instructors on the yearlong project. Over 50,000 feet of fiber optic and Category 5 wire were installed in the school for the Internet backbone. Electronic students continue to connect hubs throughout the facility. Hopefully, the entire school will be hardwired and up and running on the Internet by June of 1999.

Student organizations continue to thrive and increase. Students participate in Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) program and the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) program. One of our students represented the state in the national VICA conference and placed second in the country in the area of baking. Southeastern is very proud of its National Honor Society. We are in our second year as a chapter and have inducted over 75 students to date.

In May of 1998, we had the privilege to be visited by Dr. John Silber, Chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Education. Dr. Silber discussed various educational issues and, in particular, MCAS testing as it relates to technical schools. He later wrote that Southeastern is "a truly superb high school...that is not only outstanding but genuinely inspiring". Dr. Silber nominated Southeastern as one of the best technical schools in the country to the editor of U.S. News and World Report.

In June of 1998, the school district graduated 210 students. Placement records indicate that 98% of the Class of 1998 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to further their education.

Report of the Town Collector
Schedule of Taxes and Water Rates
For the Year Ending June 30, 1998

	Uncollected Taxes June 30,1997	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Transfers To Tax Title	Taxes in Litigation	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1998
Personal Property							
1993	$37						$37
1994	80						80
1995	3,841		51			540	3,250
1996	1,422					763	659
1997	3,192		90			786	2,316
1998	317,148		34			312,217	4,897
Totals	$325,720	$0	$175	$0	$0	$314,306	$11,239
Real Estate							
1996	(10)		907			(349)	(569)
1997	401,989		75,734	56,034	(4,979)	275,291	91
1998	0	21,287,062	113,954	166,127		20,771,426	235,555
Totals	$401,979	$21,287,062	$190,595	$222,161	($4,979)	$21,046,368	$235,077
Motor Vehicle Excise							
1986	$18,019					$57	$17,962
1987	21,921					188	21,733
1988	28,366					222	28,144
1989	26,814					550	26,264
1990	24,078					692	23,386
1991	16,819					362	16,457
1992	13,460					504	12,956
1993	15,157					2,239	12,918
1994	15,387		62			1,630	13,695
1995	15,928		38			3,397	12,493
1996	35,380	10,554	1,278			27,752	16,904
1997	167,354	298,092	30,821			396,346	38,279
1998	0	1,792,034	62,228			1,570,462	159,344
Totals	$398,683	$2,100,680	$94,427	$0	$0	$2,004,401	$400,535
Water Rates and Services	$137,240	$2,063,571	$522,081			$1,543,610	$135,120

Report of the Town Collector

Receipts

July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

Taxes Collected for 1998	22,673,292.91
Taxes Collected for 1997	724,694.21
Taxes Collected for 1996	29,491.55
Taxes Collected for 1995	29,687.20
Taxes Collected for 1994	1,629.88
Taxes Collected for 1993	2,238.64
Taxes Collected for 1992	504.17
Taxes Collected for 1991	357.71
Taxes Collected for 1990	692.40
Taxes Collected for 1989	549.69
Taxes Collected for 1988	221.67
Taxes Collected for 1987	187.81
Taxes Collected for 1986	57.50
Water Liens Collected	44,841.39
Water Betterment's Collected	7,400.09
Committed Interest Collected	12,430.62
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Liens	204,859.35
Water Betterment Releases	40.00
Trailer Park Fees	12,078.00
Certificates of Municipal Liens	36,775.00
Ambulance Fees	269,763.74
TOTAL	24,051,793.53

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Report of the Town Treasurer
July 1,1997 to June 30, 1998

REVENUE CASH

Balance June 30, 1997	13,549,648.90
Receipts:	82,258,399.64
Disbursements Per Treasury Warrants	(87,257,811.54)
Balance June 30, 1998	8,550,237.00

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	207,210.08
Receipts:	
Appropriation	200,000.00
Interest Income	11,815.86
Disbursements	(45,000.00)
Balance June 30, 1998	374,025.94

CONSERVATION FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	1,020,320.27
Receipts:	
Appropriation	150,000.00
Gifts	20,000.00
Interest Income	58,463.43
Disbursements	(121,313.00)
Balance June 30, 1998	1,127,470.70

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	52,204.24
Receipts:	
Interest Income	2,255.21
Disbursements	(3,200.00)
Balance June 30, 1998	51,259.45

YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	3,138.41
Receipts:	
Interest Income	141.50
Disbursements	(175.00)
Balance June 30, 1998	3,104.91

ELLEN A. ATWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	2,084.47
Receipts:	
Interest Income	97.12
Disbursements	
Balance June 30, 1998	2,181.59

MARY A. STONE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	6,317.94
Receipts:	
Interest Income	283.58
Disbursements	(400.00)
Balance June 30, 1998	6,201.52

Report of the Town Treasurer
July 1,1997 to June 30, 1998

MARY A. STONE LIBRARY FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	5,573.42
Receipts:	
Interest Income	259.71
Balance June 30, 1998	5,833.13

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	9,083.13
Receipts:	
Bristol County DA	1,199.00
Disbursements	(500.00)
Balance June 30, 1998	9,782.13

POLICE FORFEITURE ACCOUNT

Balance June 30, 1997	1,431.27
Receipts:	
Justice Dept	9,924.95
Interest Income	102.31
Disbursements	(2,742.16)
Balance June 30, 1998	8,716.37

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	57,417.28
Receipts:	
Appropriation	20,000.00
Interest Income	4,254.11
Disbursements	(2,871.82)
Balance June 30, 1998	78,799.57

PENSION RESERVE FUND

Balance June 30, 1997	346,197.85
Receipts:	
Appropriation	250,000.00
Interest Income	29,362.89
Disbursements	(70,000.00)
Balance June 30, 1998	555,560.74

PARKER-AMES SCHOLARSHIP

Balance June 30, 1997	
Receipts:	
Gift	103,508.98
Interest	611.46
Balance June 30, 1998	104,120.44

GALLOWAY FARM ESCROW

Balance June 30, 1997	369,730.76
Receipts:	
Interest Income	14,504.67
Disbursements	(373,488.21)
Balance June 30, 1998	10,747.22

Report of the Town Treasurer

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

	PRINCIPAL	BALANCE 6/30/97	INCOME	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE 6/30/98
Furnace Village Cemetery	12,879.16	21,522.29	993.24	1,000.00	21,515.53
Pine Grove Cemetery	3,400.00	3,679.60	169.54	200.00	3,649.14
Immaculate Conception Cemetery	4,373.85	7,614.38	350.95	400.00	7,565.33
South Easton Cemetery	9,397.43	9,918.54	457.36	500.00	9,875.90
Miscellaneous Town Cemeteries	10,830.25	15,298.96	715.36		16,014.32
TOTALS	40,880.69	58,033.77	2,686.45	2,100.00	58,620.22

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLES

Balance - June 30, 1997	778,474.14
Additions:	
Takings through FY "97" Taxes	66,386.14
Subsequent Year "95"	6,640.61
Subsequent Year "96"	6,293.39
Subsequent Year "97"	5,851.10
Subsequent Year "98"	184,379.85
Deductions:	
Redemptions	378,894.68
Foreclosures	21,043.37
Disclaimers	93.47
Adjustment per Land Court	42.52
Balance - June 30, 1998	647,951.46

Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 1998

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	*Outstanding July 1, 1998*	*Issued*	*Principal Paid*	*Interest Paid*	*Outstanding June 30, 1998*
Buildings					
**Police Addition '88*	1,202,000	1,026,302	1,081,000	46,305.00	1,147,302
**Police Remodeling '88*	70,000		70,000	2,450.00	
TOTAL	1,272,000	1,026,302	1,151,000	48,755.00	1,147,302
Dept. Equipment					
Computer '92	25,000		5,000	1,151.25	20,000
'97 Capital Budget	300,000		60,000	16,140.00	240,000
Police Comm. Equip '97	219,500		41,900	11,793.60	177,600
TOTAL	544,500		106,900	29,084.85	437,600
School Buildings					
Center School Roofs	120,000		30,000	5,287.50	90,000
Four School Roofs	1,075,000		100,000	56,125.00	975,000
School Renovations '94	215,000		30,000	11,252.50	185,000
School Repairs '97	254,000		50,800	13,665.20	203,200
**New School '97*		20,970,000			20,970,000
TOTAL	1,664,000	20,970,000	210,800	86,330.20	22,423,200
School All Other					
**School Sidewalks '97*	311,000		92,500	18,124.00	218,500
TOTAL	311,000		92,500	18,124.00	218,500
Other Inside Debt					
Road Repairs '88	39,000		39,000	1,365.00	
Road Repairs '94	520,000		90,000	26,990.00	430,000
Dam Const. 6-1-97	100,000		20,000	5,380.00	80,000
Land '97	1,570,500		87,980	79,870.16	1,482,520
Dam Const. 12-15-97		255,000			255,000
TOTAL	2,229,500	255,000	236,980	113,605.16	2,247,520

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Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 1998

Long Term Debt Outside Debt Limit	*Outstanding July 1, 1997*	*Issued*	*Retired*	*Interest Paid*	*Outstanding June 30, 1998*
Landfill	174,000		87,000	9,135.00	87,000
TOTAL	174,000		87,000	9,135.00	87,000
Water					
Water Bonds '88	360,000	303,698	318,000	14,070.00	345,698
Well, Pumping Station '92	330,000		30,000	17,287.50	300,000
Water Bonds '92	220,000		20,000	11,525.00	200,000
Water Bonds '94	275,000		45,000	14,425.00	230,000
Water Mains '94	460,000		45,000	24,192.50	415,000
Water Mains '97	450,000		46,820	22,877.04	403,180
TOTAL	2,095,000	303,698	504,820	104,377.04	1,893,878
SUB-TOTAL Outside	2,269,000	303,698	591,820	104,377.04	1,980,878
GRAND TOTAL	8,290,000	22,555,000	2,390,000	104,377.04	28,455,000

AUTHORIZED and UNISSUED DEBT

Date of Vote	*Article No.*	*Purpose*	*Amount Authorized*	*-Issued -Retired - Rescinded*	*=Unissued 6/30/98*
1/23/95	**9**	*Police Communications*	222,000	219,500	2,500
4/10/95	**15**	*Well & Pumping Station*	1,500,000		1,500,000
4/8/96	**7**	*Library Remodeling*	5,000,000		5,000,000
4/14/97	**27**	*Water Mains*	900,000		900,000
5/11/98	**59**	*Freeman Land*	550,000		550,000
5/11/98	**34**	*Fire Department*	675,000		675,000
5/11/98	**40**	*Water Filtration System*	1,000,000		1,000,000
5/11/98	**60**	*Water Pollution Abatement Trust*	200,000		200,000
5/11/98	**20**	*Rockery Grant*	64,000		64,000
TOTAL AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED DEBT					9,891,500

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
TOWN TREASURER

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998, which includes the balance sheet as of that date.

Our audit for the fiscal year was completed by Thevenin, O'Grady & Co., P.C. of 71 Legion Parkway, Brockton, Massachusetts.

This is my first year as Town Accountant and I am happy to report the Town's books were closed as of June 30, 1998 in a timely manner. All reports were submitted to the Department of Revenue. My predecessor, Ernest Camara, who retired in February of 1998, left the accounting records in excellent condition and it made the transition go very smoothly.

The accounting department will continue to improve the quality of financial reporting through programming enhancements to the Mapper financial system. This is an ongoing effort that we will strive to maintain.

I would especially like to thank Elizabeth Morgan for all her hard work and dedication, as well as Mary Spinale and Ernest Camara for their assistance. In addition, I thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support during my first year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1998

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	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	4,097,280	631,977	2,168,616	1,157,085	2,903,904		10,958,862
Receivables:							
Real estate taxes	233,845						233,845
Personal property taxes	11,238						11,238
Tax liens and foreclosures	790,972						790,972
Water user charges receivable				135,120			135,120
Water liens				6,052			6,052
Betterments				244,358			244,358
Motor vehicle excise and other excise	400,536						400,536
Departmental and other	235,757						235,757
Intergovernmental		439,116					439,116
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(420,473)						(420,473)
Inventory				75,996			75,996
Property, plant and equipment (net)				15,085,100			15,085,100
Due from other funds	254,238						254,238
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations				2,163,543		26,291,457	28,455,000
Total Assets	5,603,393	1,071,093	2,168,616	18,867,254	2,903,904	26,291,457	56,905,717

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1998

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (DEFICIT)							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	424,995	52,734	85,437	56,888			620,054
Accrued payroll and withholding	336,784	16,742		18,146			371,672
Anticipation notes payable			1,450,000				1,450,000
Deferred revenue	1,251,876			385,531			1,637,407
Deposits held in custody	98,793	300			10,747		109,840
Other liabilities	30,089						30,089
Due to other funds				227,238	27,000		254,238
General obligation bonds				2,163,543		26,291,457	28,455,000
Total Liabilities	2,142,537	69,776	1,535,437	2,851,346	37,747	26,291,457	32,928,300
Fund Equity (Deficit):							
Retained Earnings:							
Municipal Contributed Capital				14,619,128			14,619,128
Reserved:							
Reserved for encumbrances				4,600			4,600
Reserved for continuing appropriations				272,306			272,306
Reserved for expenditures				305,500			305,500
Unreserved				814,374			814,374
Fund Balance:							
Reserved:							
Reserved for encumbrances	59,453						59,453
Reserved for continuing appropriations	502,912						502,912
Reserved for expenditures	590,532						590,532
Reserved for nonexpendable trust principal					174,005		174,005
Reserved for petty cash	200	14,000					14,200
Unreserved:							
Over/under assessments	(18,316)						(18,316)
Undesignated	2,326,075	987,317	633,179		2,692,152		6,638,723
Total Fund Equity	3,460,856	1,001,317	633,179	16,015,908	2,866,157	0	23,977,417
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	5,603,393	1,071,093	2,168,616	18,867,254	2,903,904	26,291,457	56,905,717

REPORT OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the Books and Accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1998 was made by Thevenin, O'Grady & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC,
Town Clerk

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit my report for 1998 as follows:

This year we performed major projects and activities of note. First among these was the installation of 2 miles of water main on Foundry Street between the Regional Vocational school and five corners. This project was completed during the construction season, but installation of the permanent patch was purposefully delayed until spring to allow adequate time for settlement. The new main is now in service. This project was designed completely in-house by the Engineering Division. Construction Administration was handled jointly by the Water Division and the Engineering Division.

Over fifty new street trees were planted by the Tree Division this year to replace aging and dying street trees and enhance the historic district. Most of the cost of these trees was paid directly by Eastern Edison, to whom the Town owes a debt of gratitude.

Temporary repairs to the Central Street bridge were designed in-house and made by employees of the Highway Division. The bridge will be replaced with a new structure in 2001.

The Highway Division and the Central Maintenance Division worked together to build three new playgrounds at Parkview, Center and Moreau Hall schools. These new playgrounds are state-of-the-art and fully handicapped accessible. These two Divisions also worked together to install three new outdoor basketball courts at the Oliver Ames High School.

The grounds keeping of athletic fields, cemeteries, roadsides and other Town properties was the best it has been in many years, thanks to the work of the Central Maintenance Division. We have been replacing old walk-behind equipment with self propelled machines that greatly speed up and enhance our work. This enables more work to be accomplished in a given time period, and reduces manpower needs.

All work on the reconstruction of Old Pond Dam and New Pond Dam was completed. The design and reconstruction of these dams was handled in-house by the DPW and saved the Town in excess of $ 400,000, which was the cost of the reconstruction as designed by the Town's previous dam consultant.

The DPW worked closely with the Public Facilities Study Committee to develop a long-term plan for financing building rehabilitation. This is beginning to come to fruition in the form of a ten to fifteen year plan being formulated by a construction manager.

Reports from Division Superintendents explain their work in detail.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Hill, P.E., P.L.S.
DPW Director

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY, MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES, LANDFILL, AND SNOW AND ICE DIVISIONS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1998 for the Highway Division, Vehicle Maintenance Division, Landfill Division and Snow & Ice Divisions of the Public Works Department.

The Highway Division reconstructed Shagbark Road, overlaid Old Foundry Street, Dickerman Road, Miller Road, Peterson Road, Roger Road, Alfred Road and Joseph Road. Also 500 feet of drainage was installed on Mill Street. All roads were swept, roadsides cut back, catch basins cleaned and repaired, signs replaced, and pot holes patched. We also responded to 71 emergency call backs.

The Vehicle Maintenance Division again this year did an outstanding job working shorthanded maintaining our aging fleet.

The Snow & Ice Division had a relatively slow year due to very little snow. We did respond to 18 sanding operations and 2 plowing operations.

The Landfill Division continues to work toward the closing of the Landfill next year. The recycling center took in 872.43 tons of recyclables and 4,230 gallons of used motor oil.

I would like to thank all the people in my divisions for the excellent job they do and their willingness to go the extra mile when needed as well as the office staff for their continuing support. Once again I would like to thank Roger Hill our Director of Public Works for his excellent guidance and his superior knowledge of his job. He has also succeeded in bringing the Main Street reconstruction project to reality.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Jacobson
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE
TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 1998.

MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED	MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED
JANUARY	46,973,000	JULY	85,770,000
FEBRUARY	42,818,000	AUGUST	82,380,000
MARCH	47,642,000	SEPTEMBER	68,009,000
APRIL	50,276,000	OCTOBER	58,609,000
MAY	71,049,000	NOVEMBER	52,654,000
JUNE	65,959,000	DECEMBER	51,253,000

Total gallons pumped in 1998 – 723,392,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 4,171,000 on July 19, 1998.
Total 1998 Precipitation was 68.52 inches.

The Water Division responded to 2,362 service and emergency calls:

- Connected 68 new services for a total of 6,512 active services
- Replaced 381 meters
- Renewed 4 services
- Repaired 17 service leaks
- Repaired 13 broken water mains
    - 5 - 6" mains
    - 8 - 8" mains
- Replaced 8 hydrants and 8 others were repaired of which 2 were hit by automobiles.

In 1998, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:
1,100 feet of 6" water mains
7,888 feet of 8" water mains
36 new fire hydrants

We now have a total of 147.78 miles of water mains, 1,265 hydrants and 2,630 valves in our system.

The Water Division read 14,198 meters, prepared and processed the bills for mailing; 4,173 delinquent notices were mailed and 317 final bills were calculated.

This completed the tenth year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 233 surveys. This year 1 institutional and 2 commercial buildings were surveyed, 268 backflow prevention device tests were performed. We have 196 testable devices in the system, 113 double check valve assemblies and 83 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act,

- 822 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis
- 34 samples for lead and copper analysis
- 6 nitrate analysis
- 6 trihalomethane potential analysis

3 routine analysis
7 secondary contaminants analysis
1 volatile organic compounds analysis
8 microscopic particulate analysis
1711 pH samples

This was the fifth year that we conducted a system wide flushing program; 346 man hours were spent over 36 nights, flowing hydrants at high velocities to clean iron and manganese deposits from the 147 miles of water mains, thus helping to ensure the delivery of clean water to your tap.

Water Conservation will be the #1 issue that we will be dealing with as we enter the 21st century. During the past two years, we have pumped the maximum amount allowed under our State Water Management Permit. We are doing our best to keep our system tight by locating leaks and repairing them, but we need the help of the community in cutting back on the peak demands during the summer months. We must reduce the amount of water used daily on outside irrigation. If this cannot be accomplished voluntarily, then strong action will be taken to curtail the excessive use with mandatory water bans. Residents that have lawn irrigation systems must educate themselves to the proper use of the system and needs of the lawn. Water only in the morning and use no more than 1" of water per week. All systems should be equipped with moisture sensing devices to prevent over watering. Residents and businesses that must irrigate lawn areas should consider installing their own well. We are asking the help of everyone in conserving water. If you suspect a leak on your property or hear water running, please call our office at 238-3641.

In 1998, 150 man-hours were spent conducting our Leak Detection Program. Ten leaks were detected and repaired, saving an estimated 95,760 gallons per day.

Since the beginning of our Leak Detection Program in 1982, 265 leaks have been located and repaired, amounting to over 750,166 gallons of water per day or 273,810,590 gallons per year saved.

During the year, we continued to work on the Main Street revitalization project. Six hydrants were replaced and relocated in accordance with the new sidewalks. To date, all of the service connections and hydrants have been replaced with new materials within the street right-of-way.

A contract was awarded to Star Equipment of Easton to install 10,243 feet of 12" ductile iron water main and 16 hydrants on Rt. #106 (Foundry St.) from the Five Corners east to the Old Railroad right-of-way near the Regional School. The installation was completed and the new line is in service providing a looped 12" grid supplying better fire protection for the entire southern part of Easton. Temporary pavement was installed over the trench with a final pavement to be installed in the Spring of 1999.

"Y2K" – During the past year we have evaluated all of the various computer systems and components that may be affected by the year 2000. Our account and billing system has been updated and tested. Additional software has been ordered and will be installed within a few months on our "SCADA" System – (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition). We meet monthly with a town task force to review and discuss our progress. We will also have a contingency plan in place if any of our systems fail. We are confident that all office procedures and the system-wide delivery of water to your home will go on uninterrupted.

Amory Engineers of Duxbury has been working with the D.E.P. on the Environmental Permits and design of a prolonged pump test for the development of a new well #7 on Red Mill Road. The D.E.P. approval and permitting process is very involved and the completion of this project would certainly not be until after the year 2000.

The Easton Water Division Tapping Team – Ray Keyes, John Fresh, Jr., Mike Berry, and Gerry Coletti, gave demonstrations on water main tapping at Borderland State Park Recreation Day, and our Annual Open House. They participated in competition at the Plymouth County Water Works Association, Massachusetts Water Works Association, and Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association. They won the New England Water Works title and went on to compete nationally at the American Water Works Convention in Dallas, Texas.

We were invited to the State House on May 6, 1998 as part of the National Drinking Water Week activities and were presented with several awards. For the eighth consecutive year we have been rated by the D.E.P. as the Top Water System in the State and received a plaque for our Continued Excellence and Outstanding Performance and Achievement.

The D.E.P. presented us with the 1998 Groundwater Source Protection Award

The E.P.A. presented us with a Certificate of Appreciation for our Consumer Awareness

William Keach, 9th Grade Science teacher, was awarded the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Educator of the Year Award for his continued excellence in water system protection and education.

The Easton Water Division Staff gave presentations to the following groups during 1998:
One 1st Grade Class
Five 4th Grade Classes
N.R.T. 6th Grade Science Class tours of Well #2
Seven 9th Grade Science Classes
Senior History Class
Senior Environthon Project
Boy Scout Jamboree – Wheaton Farm
High School Shadow Program
Department Head Meeting
Borderland State Park Recreation Day
Gaslight Village Association
Metro South Chamber of Commerce

Southeastern Massachusetts Water Fair
New England Water Works booth at the "Big E"
250 Ninth Grade Students toured our office, Well #6, and Water Storage Tank
Massachusetts Water Works Operator Review Seminar
New England Water Works Drinking Water Week Workshop

The 14th Annual Open House of the Water Division was held at our office at 417 Bay Road on May 2, 1998. We hosted displays and demonstrations along with the Award Presentations to the winners of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest judged from entries of over 800 third, fourth, and fifth grade students.

On July 3, 1998, the Water Division experienced its first ever contamination incident of E. coli bacteria in the water supply. Early detection and response, with the addition of chlorine, provided clean water samples within a few days. The D.E.P. required us to continue chlorination to ensure a safe water supply. After several months of continuous clean water samples, we were allowed to stop chlorination during the middle of December.

We have increased the frequency of our bacteria water sampling beyond the State and Federal requirements to allow for immediate response if we ever have a contamination occurrence.

Heavy equipment operator, Richard Buckley, was honored at the Annual Massachusetts Water Works Association Recognition Night, receiving the 1998 "Water Works Pride Award" given to support staff that have demonstrated extra effort in the water works profession.

I would like to thank all those who donated either time or materials to the Xeriscape demonstration garden: Janice and James Fowler, Anne and Kevin Paicos, Marie Graca, Heidi Chamberlin, Paula McNeil of Country Gardens, and Richard Mueda.

I would like to thank the Department of Public Works staff for their cooperation throughout the year and the excellent leadership we have received from the D.P.W. Director, Roger Hill.

We strive to provide the best service to our customers and ask that if you have any concerns regarding your water system, please contact us: Shirley Tufts; Peggy Hannigan; Julie Kantrovitz; John Marsh; Raymond Keyes; Richard Buckley; John Fresh, Jr.; Scott Habelt; Michael Berry; Richard Mueda, and Gerry Coletti.

"With Water Works Pride"
Wayne P. Southworth

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Commission met throughout the year.

Shirley Tufts was appointed to another term on the commission.

Items of discussion included:

- Aquifer Protection Study
- Water System Master Plan
- MBTA Proposal and the effects on Easton's wells
- New Water Rates
- Prolonged Pump Test - Edward's Pit Well Site #7
- Redevelopment of Well Pumping Station #6
- Foundry Street Watermain Project
- Purchase of the Freeman property on Baldwin Street to protect wells # 1, 2, and 4.

The commission was asked by Roger Hill, D.P.W. Director, to review a letter from Bluestone Energy Services Inc. regarding the Regional Water Supply Project. The letter suggested that Easton could have an opportunity to develop "wheeling" agreements for the communities that may want to access this source. It might be beneficial to the Town of Easton to become a part of this proposed regional water system. It is becoming more difficult to develop new water supplies. However, the commission had several concerns regarding the project and recommended they be addressed before entering into any agreement.

The Water Resource Advisory Commission members served on a review team with Town Engineer, Peter Huie and Water Superintendent, Wayne Southworth, to select a firm for the Wheaton Farm Wellfield Study. We met on November 18, 1998 to evaluate proposals from five firms. The team selected three firms to be interviewed. On December 1, 1998 we interviewed the three firms and unanimously selected Fay Spoffard & Thorndike, Inc. as being the best qualified to conduct the study and treatment facility design. The Board of Selectmen, acting as Water Commissioners, voted to award the contract to Fay Spofford & Thorndike, Inc.

We would like to thank Wayne P. Southworth, Superintendent of the Water Division, for his continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Tufts, Chair
Bradley W. Lacouture, Clerk
James D. Mullen, Jr.

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee (C.R.A.A.C.) held 11 meetings on the first Thursday of each month with the exception of July. These meetings alternated among the five towns on the Canoe River – Easton, Mansfield, Norton, Foxborough, and Sharon.

Taunton River Basin Team Members Jack Hamm, Patrick Rogers, and Leslie O'Shea attended several of our meetings.

Chairman Southworth gave a presentation on the C.R.A.A.C. to the Annual Meeting of the Norton Historical Society and Norton Land Preservation Society. There was an overflow audience at the Old School House for his talk and slide presentation.

The Committee reviewed and commented on a plan for a proposed 17-lot subdivision along the Canoe River in Mansfield near their Cate Spring Municipal Well.

Several letters of concern were sent by the Committee to State and Federal authorities regarding a farming and pig operation along Rte. #495 within the Canoe River Aquifer in Norton.

The Committee's main project for 1998 has been the development of a Green Belt along the Canoe River. The Committee applied for and received a grant from the Mass. D.E.P. in the amount of $38,500 to develop a map and database of all the parcels of land within a 500 foot corridor along both sides of the Canoe River. The Committee subcontracted with the University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth to develop the GIS Maps for this project. Professor Neil Fennessy and his students gave an excellent presentation to the Committee on their work.

Tim Higgins designed a brochure to be distributed to all of the property owners along the River and oversaw the printing of 10,000 copies.

CRAAC co-sponsored a Stormwater Management Seminar with the Department of Environmental Protection on March 25, 1998 at the Norton Library. Sixty people from various organizations attended, including many local engineering firms and local town officials.

On the evening of April 2, 1998, the Committee sponsored a seminar on Riparian Forest Buffers given by U.S. Forester Dave Welsch at the Norton Library, on the value of streamside forests and their role in water supply protection. There were over 50 people present and all left better informed.

The 11th Annual Canoe River Awareness Day was held on Saturday, May 16, 1998 at 8:30 a.m. to noon on Red Mill Rd. at the Norton/Easton town line. The guest speaker was Cynthia Wood, Mass. State Forester who gave a walk and discussion on Riparian Forests, which was followed by a canoe trip.

Leonard Flynn spent a great deal of time communicating with the State Department of Public Works on the transfer of 180 acres of land in Norton from the State back to the Town of Norton. This was originally taken as a part of the laying out of Interstate 495. It abuts the Canoe River and the Town wishes it to be returned to the Conservation Commission.

Suzanne Erikson worked on the possible acquisition of Johnson acres (57 acres on North Washington Street) by the Norton Conservation Commission. This important parcel abuts the river and would make an ideal acquisition as a part of the proposed greenbelt.

Chairman Wayne Southworth toured the Canoe River with two photographers, courtesy of the Hood Blimp with arrangements by Ed Tartufo. Excellent photos and video were taken and are available for public viewing.

Dorothy Freeman of Norton addressed the Committee of the need of establishing a land bank in Norton.

Kathy Romero from the State Department of Environmental Protection gave a presentation to the Committee on the new Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP). She is expected to return in the future to discuss this important new program.

The Committee would like to thank Maurice Goulet of the Easton D.P.W., Dick Lewis of Mansfield Conservation Commission, and Cynthia Wood, State Forester for all of the assistance they have given our Committee throughout the year.

Present Membership

Norton	Foxborough	Sharon
Susan Mims	Timothy Higgins	Gregory Meister
Frederick Watson	Robert W. Boette	Patrick Dorcus
Suzanne Erikson	Joan F. Sozio	Dave Masciarelli

Easton	Mansfield
Philip Barske	Edward Tartufo
William Hardin	Leonard F. Flynn
Wayne P. Southworth	Robert K. Jones

1999 Meeting Dates

Thursday	January 7	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	February 4	Foxboro Town Hall
Thursday	March 4	Norton Public Library
Thursday	April 1	Mansfield Town Hall
Thursday	May 6	Easton Water Dept.
Thursday	June 3	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	August 5	Foxboro Town Hall
Thursday	September 2	Norton Public Library
Thursday	October 7	Mansfield Town Hall
Thursday	November 4	Easton Water Dept.
Thursday	December 2	Sharon Town Hall

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON ENGINEERING DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Midway into this calendar year, the Engineering Division lost the full time services of Maurice Goulet who was elevated to the position of "Technical Assistant to the DPW Director". The move frees Mr. Goulet to dedicate more of his time to the needs of the DPW Director, and to other departments, town boards, committees, and separate offices.

The major accomplishments of the Engineering Division this year included design of the Depot Street Reconstruction Project, design and contract administration of the Foundry Street Watermain Project, developing an inventory of Unaccepted Streets in Easton, surveying the basketball courts at the Oliver Ames High School and the Parkview School playground, developing displays for the town's opposition to the MBTA, negotiating a gift of land that abuts Flyaway Pond for a wetland violation, and assisting in the negotiation for a settlement as compensation for the destruction of town owned lands.

In addition, the Engineering Division was instrumental in preparing bid specifications for new town vehicles, developing 5-year roadway, sidewalk, and drainage plans, and fulfilling the mapping needs of the Town Administrator, the Board of Assessors, the Town Clerk, the Police and Fire Departments, the Highway Division, the Water Division, the Conservation Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Board.

During the year, the Engineering Division worked on approximately 700 separate actions for the Conservation Commission consisting mainly of the review of Permit Applications, Jurisdictions, Applicability, Compliance's, and violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and Article 29 of Easton's Wetland Protection By-Law. Support to the Planning and Zoning Board this year included over 600 separate actions consisting mainly of the review of subdivision and site plans, preparing street inspection and roadway cost estimates, and site investigations and inspections of subdivisions. In addition, the Engineering Division completed over 900 separate actions on DPW and miscellaneous projects not associated with either the Conservation Commission or Planning & Zoning Board.

The Engineering Division is beholding to the DPW Administrative staff for their fine effort and cooperation in support of the Engineering Division, and to the Executive staff of the Planning & Zoning Board and the Conservation Commission for their willing cooperation and excellent work in coordinating the needs of their respective offices with the Engineering Division. In addition, Mr. Robert Dunn and Mr. Maurice Goulet (when assisting the Engineering Division), continue their commitment to customer satisfaction, and in putting out a quality product on time, all of which speaks well of their professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HUIE, P.E.
Town Engineer

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Central Maintenance Division has completed Capital Projects at the Junior High School, Parkview School, Center School and Oliver Ames High School. The door and window work at the Junior High School was complete in June as well as the main entrance at the Center School. The new window wall at Parkview School and the Cooling Tower at the Oliver Ames High School were both complete and in operation in April.

We are now in the process of going out to bid for the HVAC controls at the Center School and Parkview School. The drawings and plans for the elevator at the high school are almost ready to advertise.

I would like to thank Manny Mendonca, Marty Arthur, Bruce Morse, Steve Guidaboni Bill Groves and Bill Casey for all the great work through the year. Without them we would be nothing.

A special thanks to Ken Martin of the Tree Division for his total support by bringing things to my attention and for caring what happens to town property. And last but not least, I would like to thank all Town and School Department Heads as well as Jan Jacobson and Jennifer West for all their support through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Hayes, CSI
Central Maintenance Superintendent

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	77
Multiple Family Dwellings	1
Additions-Residential	120
Alterations-Residential	83
New Commercial	5
Additions-Commercial	10
Alterations-Commercial	35
Demolished Buildings	12
Signs	24
Temporary Signs	16
Swimming Pools	49
Roofs	96
Siding	31
Weights and Measures	0
Temporary Tents	5
Earth Removal	2
Wood Stoves	7
Yard Sales	157
Foundations	31
Temporary Trailer	0
Certificate of Inspections	84
Certificate of Occupancy	71
TOTAL	916

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION		$12,619,964
Total Building Fees Collected		$125,247
Total Number of Daily Building Inspections	585	
Total Number of Wiring Fees Collected		$23,545
Total Number of Wiring Permits Issued	1458	

Total Number of Gas Fees Collected		$5,253
Total Number of Gas Permits Issued	235	
Total Number of Plumbing Fees Collected		$16,146
Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	265	

We would like to acknowledge our deep appreciation to John A. Pires, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer (retired) and Jackie Adams, Building Department Secretary (retired) for their many years of service and dedication.

We welcome Wally Fulcher as our new Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer. Wally was the former Assistant Building Inspector for many years.

Albert K. "Skip" Greiner is our new Code Enforcement Officer. Skip Greiner has been our Wiring Inspector and will continue in that capacity as well.

Robert Govey is our Gas/Plumbing Inspector.

Carol J. Mandeville is our new Building Department Secretary.

The goal of the Building Department is to meet the changes of the future. We are in the process of making some changes in our office which will allow us to serve the citizens of Easton in a more efficient manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Fulcher, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

1998 REPORT OF THE
EASTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

To The Citizens of Easton:

This was another active year for the Planning and Zoning Board. The Board is continuing to consider improvements and changes to the Easton Zoning By Law, as well as, its own Rules and Regulations and Site Plan Guidelines. In addition, we continue to participate in the Easton Growth Management Study.

In 1998, the Board met a total of twenty-seven times on Wednesday nights. In addition, to its evening meetings, The Board conducted six weekend site meetings at locations of proposed subdivisions as part of its review process.

Twelve Form A plans (approval not required) were endorsed which formed seven new lots. Some of the plans combined lots into one and there were plans that did not change the number of lots.

Three preliminary subdivision plans were submitted for review and two received approval of the concept. Those receiving approval were:
"Mill Pond Estates" - 11 lots; "Center Point" - 7 lots. One other preliminary subdivision plan was submitted ("67 Massapoag Avenue") - 2 lots, but the approval process carried over into 1999.

Eight definitive subdivision plans were submitted and approved: "Frothingham Elms" - 10 lots; "Andrews Farm" - 10 lots; "Frothingham Elms"(modification) - 10 lots; "Georgetown Estates" - 5 lots; "Winnecunnett Woods"(modification) - 12 lots; "Mill Pond Estates" - 11 lots; "Chestnut Farms"- 6 lots; "Lewis Farms" - 6 lots. A total of 60 lots were created by the definitive subdivision plans. Approval of "Lewis Estates" definitive subdivision (9 lots) was rescinded at the request of the applicant. Two additional definitive subdivision plans were submitted in 1998 but the approval process carried over into 1999. These subdivisions include: "Settler's Notch" - 5 lots and "Lexington Estates" - 8 lots.

Seven site plans were approved in 1998: 187 Washington Street (Office building); 606 Washington Street (Restaurant); 868 Washington Street (Garage to Store); 406 Turnpike Street (Brockton Day Habilitation Program); 6 Meadowhill Court (Addition); 68 Prospect Street (Addition); 10 Hampden Drive (Office Building).

Much of the Board's time was taken up with subdivision review, site plan review, public hearings relative to zoning amendments and surety releases involving new roadway construction.

In September 1998, Carol Bliss, Planning Administrator for over twenty-two years, retired. Carol has served the Board and the Town of Easton well over the years. Her professionalism, understanding of planning issues, and attention to detail will be missed. The Board hired Marc R. Rousseau as Easton's first Town Planner in October of 1998. He brings almost twenty years of professional experience in urban planning and development to the position.

We would like to thank other Town departments that have helped the Board this year, including all those who have taken time to review the subdivision plans and provide us with valuable input. Also, a thank you is in order to the citizens of Easton for your participation in the public planning process.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kone, Chairman
David C. Boch, Clerk
William J. Meehan, P.E.
Mark S. Bartlett, P.E.
Colin W. Gillis

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Selectmen Town of Easton

The members of the Board of Appeals (the "Board") respectfully submit the following report for the year 1998. With respect to the composition of the Board, it is comprised of five (5) regular members and two (2) associate members all appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The members of the Board dedicate substantial time and effort on zoning issues presented to the Board on a strictly volunteer basis. The Board's authority is statutory in nature as promulgated in Mass. Gen. L. ch. 40A, Section 1, et. seq. It is the Board's responsibility to apply those laws along with the Town of Easton's Zoning By-Laws to all zoning relief sought; i.e., Variances, Special Permits and Administrative Appeals.

During the course of calendar year 1998, twenty-four (24) petitions were filed with the Board of which nineteen (19) represented applications for Variances, two (2) Special Permits, two (2) Administrative Appeals and one (1) Administrative Appeal remanded to the Board for further consideration. As with all petitions filed with the Board, they were duly advertised, heard and decided in conformance with Mass. Gen. L. ch. 40A.

In 1998, two (2) longtime members of the Board, Barbara Paras and Joseph A. Derian resigned from their positions as regular members. Their presence and wealth of knowledge has been and continually will be missed by the Board. On behalf of both the Board and the Town of Easton, we extend our many thanks to both for their years of dedicated service. As a result of Ms. Paras' vacancy, Walter Mirrione, Esquire was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the remainder of her unexpired term. In addition, the Board of Selectmen appointed Paul Mullen to the long vacant second Associate Member's position. The Board welcomes Mr. Mirrione and Mr. Mullen and looks forward to working with them in the future. With respect to Mr. Derian's position, it was not filled by the end of 1998.

Prior to Mr. Derian's departure, the Board reorganized electing Mr. Derian as Chairman, Paul G. Pino as Vice-Chairman and Stephen J. McAlarney as Clerk.

	Variance	Special Permit	Administrative Appeal
Petitions Granted	8	1	1
Petitions Denied	5		1
Petitions Withdrawn	4	2	
To be heard in 1999	2		
Decision to be made in 1999			1

Finally, the Board offers its thanks to all Town Officials, Boards and personnel who provided assistance and input concerning the many petitions filed with the Board. Of particular note, the Board extends its many thanks to its secretary, Susan Heath, for her continued tireless work and support on the Board's behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Pino, Acting Chairman
Stephen J. McAlarney, Clerk
Stephen Freitas, Member
Walter Mirrione, Member
Dr. Michael McCoobery, Associate Member
Paul Mullen, Associate Member

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 1998, the Conservation Commission held 17 public hearings and 136 continued public hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. Ch. 131, s. 40 and the Easton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton.

A major problem, identified in last year's town report, continues to demand attention. That is the growing number of enforcement actions taken by the Commission to resolve violations of wetlands law. The Commission has issued 16 enforcement letters and enforcement orders, some involving major alterations of wetlands and of buffer zone. The Commission is grateful to those citizens and organizations which report violations. The Commission treats violations most seriously, and has issued restoration orders and imposed thousands in dollars of fines. The Commission will continue to vigorously enforce the wetlands laws of the Commonwealth and of the Town.

The Commission's open space land acquisition program continues. The purchase of the Lot 4 Poquanticut Avenue, which abuts the Fox Mountain Lot, been completed. Many land acquisitions are on the horizon. Other completed transactions during the year just concluded include:

1. A gift of land at 10 Joseph Road, consisting of 5.84 acres, which is located to the east of the Little Cedar Swamp and is within the Hockomock Area of Critical Environmental.

2. A gift of land at 276 Bay Road, consisting of 44 acres, which contains a portion of the Black Brook and abuts twenty-six acres of Town owned land to the east.

3. A gift of land identified as Parcel A in the subdivision known as "Mill Pond Estates", consisting of 6.664 acres, which contains Mill Pond, a portion of the Poquanticut Brook and a large amount of the 100 year flood.

4. A gift of land identified as Parcel B in the subdivision known as "Mill Pond Estates", consisting of 9.36 acres, which contains wetlands and flood.

During the year just concluded, Christopher P. Linde did not seek re-appointment to the Commission and Barry R. DunKley, Associate Member, was appointed.

The Commission received the first report of the Flyaway Pond Study Committee, relative to options for restoration of the Commission's land in the area. Mr. DunKley has been named as the Commission's representative to that Committee.

On October 31, 1998 the Commission held the formal ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly constructed dams at New Pond and Old Pond. As noted at the dedication many people were responsible for the completion of this project. With the weather conditions of 1998 this historic district was unquestionably saved from severe damage by the timely repairs.

During the year 1998, a lawsuit brought by the Town for tree cutting on Conservation land. The Town received $50,000 in payment of this claim, which payment will be used to restore the land which was altered.

The Conservation Fund continues to stand at over $1,000,000. Funded by generous appropriations at Town meeting, and donations from private citizens, this fund generates income which allows us to service the debt on current land acquisitions, and to prudently plan for the future open space needs of the Town. It is also a clear indication to the public of the strong priority the Town places on our environmental quality of life, and our need to continue to provide for this quality of life in the future. During the past year, thanks to the support of the Town Meeting, the following parcel was purchase for Conservation purposes – Lot 3 Poquanticut Avenue

The Conservation Commission has created a web page on the Internet.
At http://www.brdk.com/~brdk/ECCOM/econcom.htm information can be found on the Commission's schedule and agenda. Also on the page are links to the text, related laws and regulations. Other links can be found to other town agencies and sites of interest. The Conservation Commission appreciates the efforts of our Member, Barry R. DunKley, in undertaking this time consuming task.

The Commission continues to develop its skills in performance of its tasks, and, to that end, regularly participates in training workshops and conferences sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, and other agencies. During 1999 the Town of Easton will be the site of two training workshops sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission.

We are most fortunate in the top quality staff which the Town has provided for the Commission. Conservation Secretary Janice Fowler, and Engineering Assistant Bob Dunn are the envy of Conservation Commissions throughout the state. In addition to them, the Commission expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions, and the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, for their cooperation and support, our legal counsel, and most importantly, to the Citizens of the Town of Easton, for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our tasks under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Sites, Chairman
Forest E. Henderson, Vice Chairman
John E. Grant
Frederick W. Clark, Esq.
Barry R. DunKley

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Easton:

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 1998.

Robert J. Kane was elected to a three year term at the annual election in April. David E. Gardner was elected Chairman. Staff included Director of Public Health Wade D. Saucier, R.S., C.H.O., Health Inspector Kristin Kennedy, R.S., Administrative Assistant/Burial Agent JoAnne Pilz, Animal/Milk Inspector John D. Melin and Clerk Teressa Wooding. In June, Alan D. Perry, R.S. was hired as Assistant Health Director. Mr. Perry previously worked for the Town of Acton, MA Board of Health. In July, Mr. Perry passed the State Registered Sanitarian exam. Stefanie Colley, an Oliver Ames High School senior, worked a three month internship during the summer.

Public Health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency of Attleboro. Chris Delano, R.N., the town's contact nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The cumulative statistics for the 1998 calendar year are as follows: Total Immunizations, 793 residents. These include influenza immunizations, 707 residents including 15 homebound patients; an Adult Pneumococcal and Td Clinic; three general immunization clinics held in June, July and August; Hepatitis B clinics for Police and at risk school employees; three Hepatitis B clinics for high school seniors and several smaller clinics for Hepatitis b; Mantoux testing, 45 residents and town employees; Lead Level Screening, 0; Health Promotion Clinics, 89 residents; Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, 237 residents for blood pressure and 31 residents for blood sugar; Communicable Disease, 33 investigations which nine cases of Pertussis were reported in November and December 1998. This involved intense investigation of over 211 contacts, primarily Easton Junior High School students; Maternal Child, 2 contacts and Free Care, 0 visits. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to eight providers for the Board of Health and 30 deliveries were made to these local health care providers.

Mandatory Food Handling Education Seminars were required for all licensed food establishments that prepare food for the public. Two seminars were offered by the Board of Health. Ms. Elizabeth O'Donohue from the University of Massachusetts Extension Program, Plymouth County, conducted the seminars. A total of 164 food service employees attended these seminars.

By Town meeting vote, the Board of Health became involved in the town's second septic system repair program for it's residents. Up to $200,000 was made available to eligible Easton homeowners. The program focused on septic repairs in environmentally sensitive areas. The funds were issued as betterments (5% interest).

The Department of Public Health Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment, and the Board of Health conducted air quality inspections at Oliver Ames High School and Center School. The Board had requested that all public schools be tested for adequate air quality over the next few years.

By Town meeting vote, the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen established a Wastewater Management Study Committee to investigate alternatives for wastewater management in the town. A seven member panel has been selected with a charge to fulfill.

The Board of Health completed it's first year in it's new collaborative tobacco control program with the towns of Raynham, Stoughton and West Bridgewater. Catherine L. Salisbury, Regional Public Administrator, Southeastern Regional Services Group will be administering this new collaborative, the Southeastern Regional Services Group Tobacco Control Program (SERTOG). Two part-time health educators, Kristen Holmes and Paula Carroll were hired to educate the public and to perform compliance checks throughout the communities. Easton had two successful compliance checks for it's retail stores with no violations cited.

The rabies epizootic still exists in town. Preventative measures to protect your domestic pets are advised. In the spring of 1998, two rabies clinics were held, one in April and one in May, for pet owners to vaccinate their pets. A total of 277 animals were vaccinated. The State of Massachusetts requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated for rabies.

There were 794 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Funeral Directors, 3; Food Establishments, 167; Dumpsters, 143; Disposal Works Installer Permits, 76; Transport Offal, 24; Dumpster Service, 8; Motel/Cabin/Trailer Park, 4; Milk Licenses, 87; Massage Licenses, 17; Caterers, 8; Mobile Food, 4; Swimming Pools, 11; Disposal Works Construction Permits, 215; Tanning Facilities, 1; and Tobacco Permits, 26.

The office has logged 45 valid complaints from the general public.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

The Board wishes to dedicate this year's Annual Report to Ms. Chris Delano, R.N., our public health nurse. Over her years of service, Ms. Delano has always provided this office with professional medical knowledge and skills in organizing and responding to communicable disease outbreaks within our community, Ms. Delano spends most of her time outside of our office receiving little feedback on her work. Her constant dedication to her profession has not gone unnoticed.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Gardner, Chairman
Robert J. Kane
William A. Grimes
EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

During 1998, 92 veterans or their dependents received assistance through the Veterans' Benefits or the Veterans' Services Programs.

Through the Benefits Program, 13 veterans or dependents were eligible for financial assistance with household expenses and/or medical bills under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws. This assistance program is open to low income Easton veterans or their dependents who meet the income and asset guidelines that are established by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services. The $42,007.00 in veterans' benefits issued by the Town of Easton during FY98 were paid from local appropriation with the State reimbursing the Town for 75% of the veterans' benefits issued. In addition to this Benefits Program, a new provision of Chapter 115 went into effect on July 1, 1998. This new program provides an annual annuity of $1,500 to Gold Star parents and certain 100% service-connected disabled veterans. Applications for this annuity are available through this Veterans' Services Department.

During the past year this veterans' agent assisted 79 families through the Services Program which is open to all Easton veterans or their dependents regardless of income or assets. The Veterans' Agent provided direct service or advocated on behalf of the veterans with various agencies for the assistance needed. Some veterans filed applications or submitted information to the Veterans Administration regarding pensions or compensation claims. A number of veterans needed to obtain a copy of their service separation papers, form DD 214. Others applied for fuel assistance or received help in filing for Social Security, SSI Disability or Mass Health benefits. Some sought help in obtaining property tax exemptions.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, members of the American Legion Post #7, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 2547 and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our veterans and this Veterans' Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores M. Kent
Veterans' Agent

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MILK/ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Easton:

I respectfully submit the following report for the year 1998.

MILK INSPECTIONS:

One hundred and sixty-eight milk and cream samples were taken from restaurants, schools, nursing homes and stores. These samples were tested at the lab for butterfat content, coliform and plate counts. Throughout the year, random checks were made on temperatures and dairy product codes in stores, restaurants, schools and nursing homes. It is very important that dairy products are handled properly. The ideal temperature for storing milk and other dairy products is between 33°F and 40°F.

RABIES EPIZOOTIC:

Twenty-one animals were submitted to the State lab for rabies examinations. They consisted of 5 skinks, 4 cats, 4 raccoons, 3 squirrels, 2 foxes, 2 bats, and 1 opossum. Of these, 3 skunks, 2 raccoons and 1 fox tested positive for rabies. Easton is still considered a rabid town. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that your pets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations. Nineteen domestic pets were confined for wounds of unknown origin.

There were twenty-seven animal bites consisting of twenty-four dogs and two cats and one snake.

There were 215 dead animals; 44 Cats, 32 raccoons, 37 deer, 22 skunks, 17 opossums, 14 dogs, 14 squirrels, 9 foxes, 5 turtles, 4 woodchucks, 4 birds, 3 ducks, 3 coyotes, 2 rabbits, 2 bats, 1 turkey, 1 goose, and 1 iguana.

ANIMAL INSPECTION:

Cattle; 3 dairy, 38 beef, 48 goats, 2 oxen, 2 sheep, 47 swine, 61 horses, 129 chickens, 48 rabbits, 19 waterfowl.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Health, Director Wade Saucier, JoAnne Pilz and Teressa Wooding. Thanks also to the Town Administrator, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town clerks, Police, Fire, and Department of Public Works. Your support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Melin
Milk/Animal Inspector

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Easton:

Looking back at the last year 1998 proved to be a successful year for the Easton Recreation Department. It was a year filled with a variety of seasonal activities for children, families and seniors. The Recreation Department offered programs that included open gym nights, senior trips, outdoor movies, chess and volleyball.

We sponsored several successful trips in 1998. Bus tours to LaSallet Shrine, Nantucket Island, The Nutcracker, and Disney On Ice provided opportunities to see holiday favorites and dazzling performances.

Our 1998 Pee Wee Tee Ball Program had its best season ever with 221 children playing on 17 teams. Tee Ball players marched in the annual baseball parade and enjoyed an end of season celebration banquet sponsored by local businesses.

Summer 1998 was very active for the Recreation Department. We kicked off the Summer "Concerts in the Park" series with "Dale and the Duds". Throughout the summer, families enjoyed a variety of musical entertainment each Wednesday evening including "The Infractions," "The John Penny Band," and the "O'Reilys." The Recreation Commission extends their thanks to Robert Wooster, Park Director, for his continued support of this program at Frothingham Park.

The "Walk in Park" program held at the former North Easton Grammar School was a great success, providing daily outdoor activities for over 30 children between the ages of 7 and 12. The DARE Summer Park program offered two sessions at Moreau Hall and Parkview Elementary with 70 children ages 8 to 12 participating in each session.

The Town Pool had a delayed opening in mid-July due to severe spring weather. Once open the pool staff offered children's swim lessons and open swim time to many residents.

The Recreation Department's seasonal athletic programs provided a variety of sports activities for all ages. Ski lessons at Blue Hills Ski Area in Canton taught youth ages 7 to 16 the basics of the slopes. Tennis and golf lessons were also offered this year for youth and adults. A fall tennis tournament was held at Oliver Ames High School where 21 players competed for men's and mixed doubles titles. The Recreational Volleyball league continued to hold weekly tournaments for a regular group of 60 volleyball players. Our Summer "Kids Fun Track Meets" at Muscato Stadium were filled with children ages 3 to 12 running in 50, 75 and 100 meter races. Volunteers presented colorful award ribbons to everyone who finished the race.

Several recreation facility projects were completed in 1998. State of the art playgrounds were installed at Moreau Hall, Parkview, and Center Elementary schools. In addition, the new outdoor basketball courts at Oliver Ames High School were completed.

1998 also saw some organizational changes in the Recreation Department. Melanie DeSantis joined the department as Director in the Fall of 1998 and looks forward to continuing and expanding Easton's excellent recreation program.

The Recreation Department extends their heartfelt appreciation to everyone in Easton who volunteered their time in support of our programs. Thank you for chaperoning trips, coaching Tee Ball, serving on a committee or handing out ribbons at track meets. The Department would also like to thank their outstanding staff of coaches, referees, summer program supervisors, lifeguards, and counselors. Dedicated staff and volunteers always make the difference in the success of our programs.

Office hours are Monday 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Closed on Friday.

Respectfully,

Melanie DeSantis, Director

Recreation Commission
Patrick Goodman, Chairman
Stephanie Coose
Charles Hammond
Michael Gallahue
Martin Szumylo
Steve Torrey
Donald Edmonson

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The highlight of the Historical Commission's activities was the beginning of the process to update the Town's historic resources survey, which provides the Town and the Massachusetts Historical Commission with a preservation planning tool. The Massachusetts Historical Commission provided some financial assistance for a survey of the Central Street area around the Morse Factory as well as Easton Center and the Easton Historical Commission had the Hayward-Pool area surveyed as well. The preservation and restoration of the Rockery, designed at the turn of the century by Frederick Law Olmsted, began its planning stages last year and will continue in 1999. The Conservation Commission, Historical Commission and Department of Public Works participated in a dedication ceremony for the newly reconstructed Old Pond/New Pond dams, improving dam safety, while protecting these significant historic resources in the Furnace Village Historic District.

The Historical Commission continues to identify, evaluate and protect Easton's unique historic and archaeological resources. These resources are not only important locally, but are also significant Commonwealth and National historic resources. Easton has three National Register Historic Districts, and one area listed as a National Historic Landmark District, all of which attract visitors from out of state as well as other countries. The Historical Commission plans to continue its update of the Town's historic resources survey this year and has been working on setting priorities for 1999's survey efforts. In many ways, the Commission demonstrated its proactive position regarding preservation of the Town's valuable historic resources.

The Historical Commission welcomes Town Planner Marc Rousseau and will work with him to ensure that the Town's significant historic and cultural resources are taken into account in future development. The Historical Commission will also give input and work with the Growth Management Study Committee toward the same goal.

During the past year, the Commissioners have been active participants in the Town's various boards and committees as resource persons and advisors in the protection of our historic heritage and cultural resources. Frank Meninno served on the Memorialization Committee, Greg Galer on the Public Facilities Committee, Ed Hands on the architect selection committee for the library addition project, and John Ventresco on the Fly-a-way Pond Restoration Committee. The Easton Historical Commission has continued to be a participant in reviewing all site plans submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Appeals, and works with the Conservation Commission in its site review process as well. The Historical Commission actively assisted the work of the Public Facilities Committee to ensure that preserving the historic character of both the now closed Lincoln Street Intermediate and North Easton Grammar Schools would be taken into account in the Public Facilities Committee's Request for Proposals and their evaluation of submitted proposals for both buildings.

A map of Easton's significant historic and cultural resources has been developed by commission members Frank Meninno and Ed Hands and the Department of Public Works. Work on this map is still continuing, with a view to illustrating the historical development of the Town, as well as to incorporate the recently completed and continuing efforts to update Easton's comprehensive historic and cultural resources survey. Copies of the Easton brochure and map, reprinted in 1995, are available at the Town Office, the Easton Historical Society, or from the Commissioners.

The Historical Commission has a web page on the Internet. The address is:
http://www.brdk.com/~brdk/EHCOM/ehistcom.htm.

The Historical Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. O'Reilly, Chair
Barry DunKley, Vice-Chair
Gloria J. Stafford, Secretary
Gregory Galer
Edmund C. Hands
Frank T. Meninno
John Ventresco
Easton Historical Commission

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 1998, the Council on Aging contacted the 2,650 elderly residents of Easton through our bi-monthly newsletter that was mailed or delivered to each elderly household. In addition to the newsletter, the Council provided service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, outreach and referral services to 760 of our elderly residents.

We transported elders and handicapped residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hair dressers and to the community building at Parker Terrace for Senior Center programs on either our lift-equipped shuttle vans or with one of our volunteers.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. The Area Agency on Aging nutritionist gave monthly nutrition workshops and a trained nurse from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided preventive foot care at twice monthly clinics. We are grateful to the Easton Lions Club for their Eye Mobile health screening and cookout that took place in May during Senior Citizens Month. We were also able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program with funding from Stonehill College and we are truly grateful for their support of our elderly programs.

Seniors participated in recreational programs including board games, bowling, bridge, ceramics, crafts, cribbage, knitting, line dancing, painting, walking club, and quilting. Many traveled with us on day trips and overnight tours. We are grateful to the Recreation Commission for the Summer Barbecue they provided in the Community Center at Parker Terrace and for the bus trips they sponsored for our elderly residents .

Many of our seniors enjoyed intergenerational programs with Easton children. Children from Moreau Hall Elementary School made beautifully decorated placemats for monthly luncheon celebrations. Teens from the Restaurant Skills Class at Oliver Ames High School made special treats for many of those celebrations as well as Thanksgiving Dinners and cookies which we delivered to many elderly residents who were alone during the holidays. Stonehill College students and faculty assisted frail elderly homeowners with garden cleanup and household chores on their annual "Stonehill Gives Back" day last Spring.

Our outreach worker made home visits to elders and arranged a variety of home care services for those in need by working with local social services agencies, volunteer groups, and private homemakers. Staff members helped fuel assistance applicants, issued senior citizens ID cards, and completed Bay State Gas discount cards.

We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly. We would like to thank them for their contribution and also the Easton Housing Authority for the use of their community buildings for our Senior Center programs. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our elderly services and programs.

Respectfully submitted:

Francis Spillane, Chairman
Phyllis Kiessling, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Verity, Secretary
Mary Celia Scully
David Welch
Marie Healey
Nicolina Previti
Dolores Kent, Director

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The Eagle Scout project by Scout Steve Wheeler at the Dr. Edward Dean Cemetery was completed. Many thanks for a job well done.

New cemetery signs have arrived and will be put up in the near future.

It was a pleasure to welcome Raymond Phillips to our Commission.

Many thanks to Richard Hayes and his crew for the cleaning and mowing of all Town cemeteries.

We express our appreciation to all the Town officials and the residents of Easton for their continuous support which enables us to care for and maintain our cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Melin, Chairman
Raymond Phillips, Secretary
Edward Rogers

THE 1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Easton:

With the passing of Clyde A. Craig, Jr., long-time Chairman of the Committee, Robert McLaughlin was appointed by the Moderator as a permanent member, and John F. Hurley was voted to be Chairman by the full Committee. The 1997 report, not submitted due to the transition, is presented with this 1998 report.

After the reforming, the Committee met on March 25, 1998 and discussed the availability of funds for scholarships, reviewed the Rules and Regulations, and agreed that the present principal fund should be preserved intact. On May 8, 1998, the Committee met at the Oliver Ames High School to evaluate Scholarship applications and the following vocational awards were made:

Aaron Burton, Mill and Housing Carpentry
Kelli Jones, Hairdressing and Cosmetology
Jennifer Sherman, Dance and Theater Arts

The 1995 Scholastic award to Pamela J. Cogan, attending Yale University, was continued, as was the 1997 Scholastic award to Nipha Saeteng, attending Simmons College.

My thanks to all the members of the Committee during this year of transition. And a special "Thank You" to Bill Hardin, Marty Lincoln, Bea Silvia and Kevin Paicos for their advice and participation, which provided for a smooth transition and resolution of procedures.

In accordance with the warrant establishing the Committee, the Scholarship Fund can accept contributions to the principal sum. The Committee welcomes your contributions so that we may increase the number or the amount of the scholarships. Your interest in this Fund to honor and remember the Veterans of the World Wars is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Hurley, Chairman

Permanent Members
John F. Hurley, Chairman
John Melin
Robert McLaughlin
Chairman, School Committee
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Commander, American Legion

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
AMES FREE LIBRARY - EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

1998 was an incredible year for the Ames Free Library - Easton's Public Library. Early in the year the library was informed of a ten million dollar bequest from the estate of a previous benefactor, Mrs. William Hadwen Ames (Fanny Holt Ames). Mrs. Ames had previously donated the children's addition in 1931 in memory of her husband. The new bequest was for children's library services. A little later, the library was informed of an additional trust of five million dollars also for children's library services. These gifts provide the library with the ability to demonstrate outstanding children's services beginning now and into the future. Toward that goal a colloquium will be given annually to provide a forum for examining and solving issues in library services to children.

Children's services received much attention during the year. During February vacation a Family Fun Day was held that packed the children's room. Over one hundred fifty children participated. During the summer, programs to start and finish the reading program were held at Frothingham Park. Over two hundred children attended the first program. These programs are made possible through the Stonehill College Enrichment Fund and the Friends of the Library.

For the first time in the library's history a professional children's librarian was hired. Laurie Lessner began serving as Youth Services Librarian in June and many story hours and after school programs have been taking place ever since.

Reference services for all ages have increased by fifty percent. The library now employs two twenty-hour professional Reference Librarians. In addition to Elizabeth Keenan, Kathleen Eastwood serves in this capacity.

A Technology Librarian / Instructor was hired in August with a plan to assist students. Madeline Miele has worked with library technology for over twenty years and has become an enormous help to students and adults who want to learn to use CD-ROMS and the internet. She also trains staff members and keeps the equipment functioning.

The library is fully automated and now there is a great need for a system upgrade. This is planned by the ABLE / SAILS network during the next year. This library cannot add more terminals because the system is at capacity.

A big event took place when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed S2013 that provided the one million nine hundred thousand dollar construction grant. As a result of this event, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Library Directors signed a "Memorandum of Understanding" concerning the addition and renovation of the library. With this document, the Library Board moved forward and hired the firm of Schwartz / Silver of Boston to work on the project. Design work has begun and ground breaking is targeted for late summer 1999. This project cannot be completed too soon as the library is out of usable space.

Residents can now access the library from their home computers. The Web site is http://people.ne.mediaone.net/amesfreelibrary. Laurie Lessner is the Webmaster for the library. This library is a "net lender" library for the second year in a row. This means the library lends more books to other libraries than it borrows. The regional library system reimburses the library for this service.

As the addition / renovation process begins and public service improves everyday, the library is carrying out its mission of serving the information, education and recreation needs of the community. For this service commitment every staff member is commended. Many thanks also go to the hard working Board of Directors and the Friends of the Library for their diligence, foresight, and leadership.

Respectfully submitted,
Annalee Bundy
Executive Director

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES TRUST FUNDS

The following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 1998, together with an estimate of the 1999 income. The estimate for the 1999 income is based on the amounts which the various companies are now paying. This estimate does not allow for any deductions which may have been made before the net income is paid over to the Town of Easton. Nor does it take into consideration any reductions in dividends which might be made by the various companies.

	Book Value	12/31/98 Market Value	1998 Income Paid to Town	1999 Estimate Income to Town
Highways Fund	$1,189,778.25	$5,175,185.04	$157,991.49	$120,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	143,794.99	229,382.64	5,369.27	5,000.00
Schools Fund	2,583,785.91	4,453,678.09	144,826.71	110,000.00

Detailed accounts for the three funds for the year ending December 31, 1998 will be provided shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver F. Ames
Trustee

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

INCOME		
Investment Income		
William Hadwen Ames Trust		
Hobart Ames Trust		
Oakes Angier Ames Trust	7,022.00	
Investments	12,978.00	
Sub –Total	$20,000.00	
Operating Income		
Rentals	23,270.00	
OAMHA Development Assoc.	11,080.00	
Donations	2,808.00	
Sub-Total	$37,158.00	
Other Income		
Graham Foundation grant (HHR papers)	5,000.00	
Music Series	36,080.00	
Sub-Total	$41,080.00	
TOTAL		**$98,238.00**
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses		
Rental deposit returns	5,250.00	
Utilities: Gas, Telephone, Electric, Oil, Water	3,359.00	
Salaries: Rental Agent, Custodians, Sec., Treasurer	6,948.00	
Plumbing	740.00	
Furnace repairs	2,200.00	
Music Series operating deficit	8,869.00	
Development Assoc. (Holiday Dance)	5,049.00	
Sub-Total	$32,415.00	
Capital Expenses		
Cellar drainage	11,649.00	
Roof/Gutter improvements	10,849.00	
Sub-Total	$22,498.00	
Other expenses		
Editor, HHR papers (Graham Fund Grant)	5,000.00	
Music Series capital improvements	36,080.00	
Sub-Total	$41,080.00	
TOTAL		**$95,993.00**
Net Income (deficit)		**$ 2,245.00**

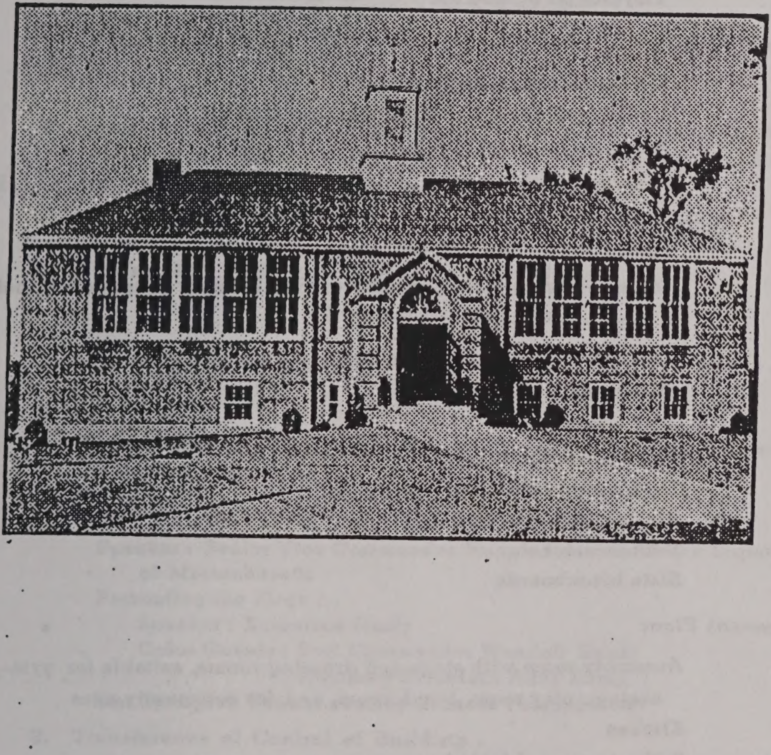
The Hall had an especially good year due to the successful launch of our Music Series on June 13th. Proceeds from the series were used to purchase a Bose sound system, acoustical wall paneling, fifty tables and two hundred chairs, and to re-build our Steinway concert piano. Major repairs for improving water drainage on the roof and in the basement were completed using funds from the investment account. This spring we will begin work on the windows after a one year delay. We were also recently awarded a Massachusetts Historical Commission matching grant for $8,000.00 for a brownstone study which will also begin this spring. The H H Richardson 1996 colloquium papers are now in the process of being put together at MIT Press and we look forward to a fall 1999 publication.

On behalf of the Hall Trustees I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all the Easton residents who were so generous in their support of the Music Series.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick L. Ames, President

Dedication Exercises

New School at Easton Furnace



March 19, 1940

8.00 P. M.

THE BUILDING

Townspeople should observe the following points as they inspect this up-to-date school building

Building and Grounds

- Fireproof construction
- Outer walls of solid brick
- Driven well and electric water system with ample supply of good water
- Playground equipment

Main Floor

- Unilateral natural lighting
- Double roll shades of light-diffusing material
- Adequate artificial lighting
- Peervent heat units in class rooms, (fan operated), bring fresh outdoor air directly into the building
- Forced ventilation in toilet rooms
- Toilet rooms on main floor and of most sanitary construction, hot and cold water
- Large storage room on main floor
- Comfortable teachers' room
- Airy wardrobes
- Adjustable furniture
- Cork composition bulletin boards
- Sanitary drinking fountains
- Built-in cabinets
- Slate blackboards

Basement Floor

- Assembly room with stage and dressing rooms, suitable for gymnasium, play room, lunch room, and for community uses
- Kitchen
- Boiler room and fuel storage
- Large store rooms

Equipment

- Modern in every respect, and complete except for kitchen equipment

DEDICATION EXERCISES

DAVID J. O'CONNELL, Presiding

1. Selection—The Swiss Idyl — Gustav Lange

   THE JOHNSON TRIO

   Flute—Aldo Johnson   Violin—Warren Benson

   Piano—Dorothy Anderson

2. Short Play—Sally's Visit with Good Fairy Wise

   Children of the School

3. The Building

   G. Houston Burr, Architect

4. Presentation of Gift of Outlook Club

   Mrs. Hazel Harvey

5. Vocal Selections—Aria from 'Samson and Delilah' — Camille Saint Saens

   Deep River—Negro Spiritual — Arranged by H. T. Burleigh

   Comin' Through the Rye

   Miss Mary Ann Syvertsen, accompanied by Lydia Shaw

6. Presentation of Picture—Gift of Harmony Grange

   Clarence S. Flandreau

7. Selection—In the High Alps — Ludwig Andre

   The Johnson Trio

8. Presentation of Flags by the George F. Schindler Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Its Ladies' Auxiliary

   Master of Ceremonies: George L. Henault

   Speaker: Senior Vice Commander Joseph Peterson of the Department of Massachusetts

   Presenting the Flags:

   Speaker: Katherine Healy

   Color Guards: Post Commander Wendell Bemis

   Auxiliary President Anna Kemp

   Star Spangled Banner sung by Frances Foley, Soloist

9. Transference of Control of Building

   David J. O'Connell, Chairman, Building Committee

   Edgar W. Baldwin, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

   Arthur F. Anderson, Chairman, School Committee

10. America

    Audience

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

GILBERT C. MANN

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 1998.

The Old Colony Planning Council is one of thirteen regional planning agencies in Massachusetts, authorized by state statute to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of their respective regions. OCPC is the only regional planning agency in Massachusetts to be designated as an Area Agency on Aging. In this responsibility, the OCPC manages federal Older Americans Act funding for elder services in the fifteen communities in the Council's regular planning district plus eight additional municipalities that constitute the elderly services planning and service area. The OCPC is also designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for coordinating economic development activities within the OCPC District. Lastly, the OCPC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation and Transit Planning for the region. We are proud to report that the Old Colony Planning Council has the distinction of being the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of areawide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socio-economic information. Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA.

In 1998, the Council re-elected Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as President of OCPC; David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Daniel M. Crane serves as Executive Director of the Council. The Council publishes a more complete Annual Report of its activities which is sent out to local officials and is available to the public upon request.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities, the participation and involvement of the members of the Joint Transportation Committee chaired by Stephen Baker; the Overall Economic Development Committee chaired by Joseph P. Joseph; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee chaired by Doris Grindle. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean-Marie Kent-Joyce, Delegate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Easton. The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for fiscal year 1998.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

The OCPC-AAA is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding elder services under the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input from the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a comprehensive network of services and programs to serve the unmet needs of elders from throughout the region. In fiscal year 1998, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding to Councils on Aging and other service provider agencies for the following services and programs:

* Senior Center and Outreach Programs
* In-Home Mental Health Services
* Transportation Services
* Emergency Intervention Services
* Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
* Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
* Personal Care and Respite Services
* Services for disabled elders
* Legal Services
* Nutrition Education and Counseling
* Prostate Cancer Awareness
* Senior Aide Employment Program

The OCPC-AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. Committee members from each of the 23 communities assist the AAA in assessing elder needs, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantee awards to the Planning Council. The support and cooperation of local communities is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The OCPC-AAA also extends sincere gratitude to Advisory Committee Chairwoman Doris Grindle of Hanson and Vice-Chairwomen Josephine Hatch of Pembroke and Phyllis Hancock of Brockton for their leadership during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel MacAffee, Delegate
Phyllis Kiessling, Alternate

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Easton Housing Authority is pleased to announce that its 184 State-Aided Elderly, ten State-Aided Family units and 101 Section 8 Certificates and Vouchers remained tenanted for the year.

The authority completed the modernization of five septic systems at Elise Circle, Parker Terrace and Chandler Way. Also completed through state modernization grants was the deleading of two single family homes owned by the authority and leased to low income families. The replacement of twenty second story porches at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle was also completed.

Easton residents continue to receive preference on all of our waiting lists for housing and are encouraged to apply. Senior citizens over the age of 60 and who fall within the income guidelines are eligible for state-aided elderly housing. Additionally, any person who qualifies as disabled and is unable to locate alternative housing due to their disability may also qualify for state-aided elderly housing. Please call the Authority at 508-238-4747 for additional information.

Our Section 8 Waiting List opened in November of 1998 and remains open to eligible applicants. Applicants may apply by telephone, Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 1:00p.m. and 3:30p.m.

The authority authorized the formation of the Easton Gazebo Committee, chaired by Michael Malloy. The intent of this committee is to raise funds to erect two gazebos at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle for the enjoyment of our residents. To date, the committee has been very successful in raising funds and is working diligently to schedule a spring construction. Any and all support is greatly appreciated in this worthwhile project.

The Authority was awarded a grant to host a regional attorney program, providing legal assistance to small housing authorities in Bristol and Norfolk Counties. Attorney Sara M. Quinn joined the staff as Regional Counsel on November 30, 1998, and is industriously undertaking her responsibilities providing legal assistance.

The Easton Housing Authority regretfully accepted the decision of Jerry Fitzgerald not to seek re-election in 1998. In honor of Mr. Fitzgerald's significant contribution to the Authority and its residents, the Authority renamed the Elise Circle Community Center, the Jerry Fitzgerald Community Center. We welcomed Mr. Michael Malloy of Elise Circle to the Board of Commissioners.

The Authority continues to extend its gratitude to the residents, staff and townspeople for their continued support. It is this support which enables the Authority to operate successfully and provide its residents with safe, sanitary, decent housing.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Crane, Chairman
Sylvia Gardner (State Appointee), Vice Chairman
Sandra Conant, Treasurer
June Brousseau, Assistant Treasurer
Michael Malloy, Member
Susan Horner, Executive Director

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

We hereby submit the following report for the Year 1998 for the Easton Housing Partnership.

The Easton Housing Partnership met several times this year discussing concepts of affordable housing in other communities similar to Easton and educating themselves on options.

Carolyn Tabaie was appointed to another three year term on the Partnership. Colin Gillis did not renew his term and his wisdom and contribution will be greatly missed.

Mr. Scott R. Bamford was appointed by the Board of Selectmen in October of 1998, and we welcome Mr. Bamford and look forward to his participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Tabaie, Vice-Chair
Philip Barske, Member
Steve Freitas, Resource Person
Lee A. Harney, Secretary

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

1998-1999 Grants

The Easton Cultural Council (ECC) received 47 applications representing total requests of $27,311.25 for the fiscal 1999 grant cycle; it was allocated $11,253 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This allocation includes a matching incentive award for the $1,000 grant provided by the people of Easton. After the appropriation of $1,109 in unused funds from previous years, the ECC granted a total of $12,362.00 to 33 individual applicants. Subject to approval from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (expected by late February 1999), Fiscal 1999 Easton Cultural Grants were awarded as follows:

Applicant/Organization	Representative	Town	Project	Grant
Acceptance Theatre Company	Harvey Brock	Brockton	Original Play, "Tallulah Bankhead"	$ 400.00
Bob Thomas	Bob Thomas	Milton	"The Dancing Troll" Stories & Dances	$ 300.00
Bridgewater Fourth of July Festival of the Arts	Pamela E. Kuliesis	Bridgewater	Performers and Musicians for Event	$ 150.00
Brockton Symphony Orchestra	Gerard S. Marsan	Brockton	51st Symphony Concert Season	$ 500.00
Children's Museum in Easton	Paula J. Peterson	North Easton	Exhibit & Program Development	$ 500.00
Fuller Art Museum	Dr. Douglas Hyland	Brockton	Exhibit & Educational Progams	$ 500.00
Easton Cultural Council	Jennie DunKley	South Easton	Public Art Installation Ceremony	$ 500.00
Easton Family Violence Task Force	Pamela Berglund	North Easton	Productions (2) of "The Yellow Dress"	$1,000.00
Easton Gazebo Committee	Michael J. Malloy	North Easton	Kick-off/Dedication Band Concert	$ 400.00
Easton Junior High School	Aubrey Conrad	North Easton	Shakespeare & Co. Performance	$ 500.00
Easton Recreation Department	Melanie A. DeSantis	North Easton	Concerts in the Park	$ 900.00
Foxborough Regional Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.	Lisa Giuffre	Foxborough	Orpheum Theatre young Story Teller Program	$ 300.00
Friends of Borderland	Beth Roll Smith	North Easton	Performance of Mel Harold as Edgar A. Poe	$ 75.00
Insert Zine Name Here	Matthew C. Boch	North Easton	Literary Magazine	$ 500.00
Jim Douglas	Jim Douglas	Sturbridge	School Performing Artist Internet Directory	$ 20.00
John Porcino, Storyteller/Musician	John Porcino	Amherst	Celebrations of Story & Song	$ 330.00
Moreau Hall & Center Schools	Stephanie Coose	South Easton	Scot Canon "Open The Door"	$ 400.00
Parkview Elementary School	Susan Finn	North Easton	Storytelling by Rona Leventhal	$ 575.00
Ruth Harcovitz	Ruth Harcovitz	Somerville	Soprano Performance	$ 350.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	Cabaret Theatre	$ 50.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	Annual Touring Art Exhibit	$ 50.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	Deaf Arts Experience	$ 125.00
Stonehill College	Nan D. Mulford	Easton	Nakamichi Concert Series	$ 650.00
Unity Treble Choir	Carol Porter	North Easton	Unity Treble Chorus	$ 400.00
Oliver Ames High School	Arnie Casavant	North Easton	Annual Alumni Art Show	$ 250.00
Center Elementary School	Donna O'Shea	South Easton	Harvard University Museum of Cultural & Natural History/Peabody Museum's Animal Adaptations"	$ 294.00
Easton Recreation Department	Melanie A. DeSantis	North Easton	The Children's Museum, Boston	$ 150.00
F.L. Olmsted School PAC	Gail K. Lynch	North Easton	Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	$ 507.00
F.L. Olmsted School PAC	Gail K. Lynch	North Easton	Museum of Science, Boston	$ 501.00
H.H. Richardson School	Margaret Lynch and Rena M. Fitzgerald	North Easton	Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	$ 339.00
Moreau Hall School	Stephanie Coose	South Easton	New England Aquarium	$ 204.00
Moreau Hall School Kindergarten	Darleen Hanegan	North Easton	American Theater Arts for Youth, Inc.	$ 330.00
Center Elementary School	Donna O'Shea	South Easton	New England Aquarium	$ 312.00
			Total 1998-99 Grant Funds Awarded:	**$12,362.00**

Public Art Competition

At Annual Town Meeting in April 1998, the Easton Cultural Council was awarded a $1,000 grant from the people of Easton towards a local public art competition. Additional funds for the competition were obtained through a ECC-originated state grant, and use of ECC administrative funds. The purpose of this competition was to award a $1,500 commission to an Easton artist to produce an original piece of art that will be displayed permanently at a public place in Easton. A diverse panel of Easton citizens, appointed by the Easton Cultural Council, judged the competition.

The panel of eight judges, appointed by the Easton Cultural Council, was Matthew Boch, Rose Buck, Richard Capobianco, Jan Davis, Carla Goodwin, Jaqueline Phillips, Christine Reynolds and Chris Sutton. The winning proposal was chosen based upon the aesthetic merit and imagination, craftsmanship and quality of artwork, relationship of the artwork to its public, appropriateness of the artwork to its site, public visibility, accessibility, and safety; durability, maintainability, use of high quality materials for permanence; and the ability of the artist to create and install the artwork within the established time frame.

The winning project was submitted by Cindy Kaplan and Charles Lanphear, is entitled “Easton in Motion.” This will be a large-scale mobile of past and present, easily identifiable, Easton images and icons. The images will be constructed in papier-mache’, wire, metal and iridescent acrylic paint. The sample of potential Easton images include picks and shovels, trees, a tractor, the Rockery, the Library, railroad tracks and a soccer player. Installation is expected in June or September of 1999 in the circular staircase atrium at the Richardson-Olmsted Schools. The Town of Easton will own the final artwork.

Easton artists Deborah Balcarek and Wendy L. Vogel were awarded special merit awards of $250 each for their entries.

Council Information

The Easton Cultural Council (formerly Easton Arts Council) is funded through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Easton Council aims to help fund projects to: support programs in the art, humanities and interpretive sciences; directly affect the residents of Easton; achieve the greatest community benefit; and cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation.

William MacMullen, Celeste Howe and Gino Del Guercio were appointed new members of the Council by the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie H. DunKley, Chair
Walter Messcher, Treasurer
Susan Perdigao Harrington, Secretary
Gino Del Guercio
Jennifer Edwards-Hawkins
Susan Hadge
Celeste Howe
Sharyn Katz
William MacMullen

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Borderland State Park Advisory Council held two meetings in 1998, both were well attended. The Council was most concerned with the handling of electrical improvements at Borderland. The Park has suffered many days without electricity in the past from hurricanes and severe snow and winter ice storms.

In the late Spring the Department of Environmental Management installed a propane refueling station in the area of the maintenance garage without consulting with the Council. This was done because of time restraints imposed on the installation by the Commonwealth. The Council examined the installation and its proximity to buildings and visitors to the Park and concluded that the safety of visitors would be best served if an automatic warning device was installed at the fueling station. This device would require electrical and telephone connections to insure prompt notification of a spill or leak to the appropriate authorities.

The Mansion is served by an old and inadequate overhead electrical service that runs through a heavily wooded area making it vulnerable to storm damage. This line should be replaced by an underground or other service that would not be vulnerable to storm failure. The maintenance garage, which was built 10 years ago, still has no electrical service. This has been an issue with the Council in the past as the Department of Environmental Management has been asked to replace the service to the mansion and add one to the maintenance garage.

The Council wrote a series of letters and had telephone conferences with Commissioner Peter Webber to advise the State of their concerns. Commissioner Webber has agreed to replace the electrical service at Borderland. The Commissioner has assured the Council that the new electrical service will be included in the 1998-1999 budget.

This year a large portion of the park and the several buildings were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A dedication ceremony was conducted on Sunday, June 28, 1998 with local, state and national officials in attendance.

The attendance at the park is still increasing as the population in the surrounding towns increases and open space is reduced by development. Walking, running, bicycling, skiing, ice skating, bird watching and other endless environmental activities are available at Borderland. The wildlife at Borderland has also increased at the same time and for the same reasons that the visitors have increased, less open space for them except at Borderland. Come and enjoy the beauty and solitude.

The Council does appreciate the cooperation of the Easton Garden Club, the Historical Society, the Friends of Borderland and other local organizations for their support and advice over the past year.

The Easton Representatives continue their close association with the Council and encourage suggestions to improve this valuable resource.

Respectfully,
William O. Hocking, Chairman, (Foxboro)
John J. Kent, Easton Representative
Paul Berry, Easton Historical Society
John Ventresco, Friends of Borderland

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON RECYCLING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During 1998 the Committee entered its third year of operation. During the year the Committee met officially 1 time. Lack of a needed quorum prevented additional meetings from taking place.

As we entered 1998 the committee's primary goal was to work closely with the Board of Selectmen on the development of an alternative waste disposal program for the town to implement upon the planned closing of the landfill in 1999. The second of 2 reports prepared by the committee on the subject was submitted to the Selectmen in February. This report dealt with the estimated revenues and expenses of the method recommended by the committee – a unit based pricing (Pay-As-You-Throw), single vendor waste and recyclable materials collection and disposal program. As committee Chair Michael Graff met with the Selectmen on 2 occasions to discuss the findings of this and the previous November 1997 report. As 1998 closed the committee was waiting for the results of a Request for Proposal (RFP) from area waste collection vendors authorized by the Selectmen. The purpose of this RFP was to provide additional information in order to thoroughly review and assess the validity of the method recommended by the committee. Michael Graff submitted a written recommendation to the Selectmen in November to form an ad hoc committee to review the results of all proposals.

For the purpose of keeping Easton residents informed on the progress of the work to prepare the town for the planned landfill closing, a series of articles were written by Michael Graff and submitted to the Easton Journal and The Enterprise newspapers on the committee's work and recommendation. The committee also held a public information forum on this subject on November 4th to provide residents the opportunity to ask questions directly to town officials and committee members.

During 1998 the committee also implemented a compost bin distribution program. Arrangements were made to purchase composting bins for resale to Easton residents at cost. The program was met with higher demand than anticipated, requiring the purchase of additional bins. The purpose of this program was to offer residents a method to reduce the amount of trash set out for collection by composting certain types of food, paper, and yard waste.

At the end of May the appointments of all Committee members expired. The following members requested reappointment: James Azevedo, Lawrence Ramondi, and Michael Graff.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Graff
Chairperson

THE 1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 1998 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-nine years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitos.

WINTER PRE-HATCH - To treat breeding areas that are accessible only on the ice during the winter months.

SPRING AND SUMMER LARVICIDING - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

CATCH BASIS TREATMENT - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

LIGHT TAPPING PROGRAM - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light tapping of mosquitos is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

WATER MANAGEMENT - A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The 1998 mosquito season started about the same time as past years with larvae appearing in most wetland areas during the month of March.

Adult mosquito began to appear in many areas of the county in the latter part of April, however, our fogging program did not start until the third week of May as temperatures before this time were too cold for early morning fogging.

Mosquito populations varied throughout the county. Many areas that had extremely large populations of adult mosquitos in past years did not seem as bad this year and areas that are usually quiet turned into a problem. We are not certain what caused this situation to occur.

The calls for service this year were the highest yet, probably due to the storm that dumped 14 inches of rain in most of the county. Certain types of mosquitos were extremely high and others were very low. Melanura mosquitos, which play an important part in the EE cycle, were very high. There were a number of EE virus isolations in this non-human biting mosquito this year but no human cases were reported. However, the virus effected two flocks of emus in eastern Massachusetts. A total of 30 emus died, 19 in Essex, MA and 11 in Norton, MA. The emus that were tested at the State Virus Lab tested positive for EE.

The Project sprayed all known mosquito-infested areas and answered all requests for spraying, for a total of 6,660 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months 36.16 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

During the fall and winter months a total of 700 feet of drainage ditch was reclaimed.

I would like to thank the Town officials and the people of Easton for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted
Alan W. DeCastro
Superintendent

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

1998 was a productive year for the Southeastern Regional Services Group. A major project involving SERSG Highway Superintendents, the Bay State Gas Company and the Regional Administrator resulted in the production of a model street opening by-law. This model has been adopted by the Town Meetings in six SERSG municipalities so far - one of which is the Town of Easton. By adopting this by-law, your community will ensure that those who excavate in the public ways will restore the public way to as good a condition as it was prior to the street opening.

SERSG conducted a number of cooperative procurements for its member municipalities and once again significant savings were realized. All 17 members participated in the Spring DPW supplies Invitation For Bid.

The Regional Administrator was invited this past year to speak to a number of other municipalities that are considering forming a similar organization to SERSG. Addresses were made to the Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC), Worcester Area Regional Education Project, North Shore Regional Managers, South Shore Coalition, and the Plymouth County Water Works Association.

SERSG hosted both a Fall and Spring Academic Luncheon and a Spring Legislative Breakfast. SERSG put forward legislation that it thinks is needed to protect local governments regarding road restoration and the siting of cellular towers. Several of our State Representatives and Senators have agreed to cosponsor this legislation.

As the year comes to a close, SERSG remains committed to its mission of providing services to its members so that savings in dollars as well as time and effort can be realized. We look forward to new and additional opportunities to serve your community in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Salisbury
SERSG Regional Administrator

1998 BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENT'S NAMES (MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER)
JANUARY		
4	Julia Lisette Corona	Jose M. & Colleen A. (McCusker)
9	Christopher Patrick Hanegan	Charles E. & Darleen P. (O'Neil)
10	Timothy Francis Kelley	Robert F. & Deborah M. (Pepin)
12	Gabrielle Rose Millard	Richard A. Jr. & Linda R. (Encarnacion)
14	Alyssa Nicole Piazza	Christoopher D. & Deborah E. (Weinstein)
15	William Alexander Habig, III	William A. Jr. & Catharine D. (Weiss)
17	Theresa Marie Perrone Almeida	Jose E. & Lisa M. (Perrone)
18	Patrick Brian Mills	Stephen C. & Anne M. (McDonagh)
18	Brendan Michael Mills	Stephen C. & Anne M. (McDonagh)
19	Augustus Daniel Howland	Thomas P. & Shelley E. (Jarl)
20	Allyson Grace McGuire	Francis B. Jr. & Rosemary (Bower)
20	Elizabeth Marie Venditti	Richard C. & Anne E. (Berry)
24	Gianna Rae Ferrini	Joseph A. & Gina M. (Monsini)
26	Kyle Martin Foxx	Brian M. & Tara J. (Martin)
28	Nina Grace Antone	Lewis E. Jr. & Laurie (Petrell)
28	Timothy J. Pang	Gregory S. & Wonhee (Kim)
FEBRUARY		
3	Dominic Michael Shinko	Victor R. & Kimberly A. (Andrews)
4	Jared Robert Hedlund	Robert P. & Cathleen (Higgins)
5	Jarrod Joseph Fulginiti	Gerard J. & Dorothy A. (Bates)
6	Troy Michael Kent	James M. & Diane E. (Doucette)
7	Austin Robert Harris	William D. Jr. & Cara L. (Kell)
9	Andrew Veasna Kim	Veasna & Dao (Her)
10	Michael Joseph Waxman	Lee M. & Susan (McIntrye)
11	Delaney Lucia Benton	Stuart R. & Maureen E. (Ward)
11	Natalie Anne Toomey	John F. IIII & Janice D. (Goveia)
14	Louis Nicholas Dadasis, II	William N. & Kimberly A. (Garrity)
17	Madeline Sperry Kodak	Preston F. III & Nicole E. (Penfield)
19	Ethan Michael Foley	Michael P. & Pamela I. (Yudin)
20	Evan Singh Dhillon	Dhalbir S. & Eva M. (Beaird)
23	Katherine Ann Waters	John F. Jr. & Lucy M. (Reilly)
24	Olivia Taylor Phelps	Jonathan F. & Genina F. (Salvio)
24	Haley Elena Richardson	Douglas R. & Helena (Segal)
25	Jessica Lynn Kehoe	Paul A. & Kim M. (Jacobson)
26	Ryan Michael Devlin	William F. & Linda A. (Card)
27	Katelyn Judith Tuck	Jeffrey A. & Janice M. (O'Brien)
28	Steven Anthony Mercadante	Christopher J. & Eudocia (Blanco)

MARCH

2	Josephine Ciatto	Tino & Louise (Giordani)
2	McKenna Rose Marie Ewing	Scott A. & Karen B. (Lorenz)
2	Marissa Victoria Savard	Timothy J. & Janet M. (Kovich)
6	Victoria Metta Papetti	Richard R. & Sara M. (Lyons)
7	Matthew Costello Mancini	Christopher P. & Suzanne C. (Costello)
10	Amy Enalise Nelson	Glenn R. & Bethann (Smith)
10	Jake Nicholas Ryan	Michael J. & Melinda (Luke)
11	Ida Madeleine DiClemente	Roberto C. & Viviann C. (Amundsen)
12	Aidan Kenneth MacCuish	Kenneth A. & Arlyn B. (Niethold)
14	Katherine Erin Walsh	Christopher & Janine E. (Sale)
17	Gary Walter Silver	Marc E. & Jane (Klamkin)
18	David Wang Ding	Tie-Gang & Xiao-Mei (Wang)
21	Rebecca Lynn Hooper	Richard A. Jr. & Kathryn J. (Coutu)
23	Kailey Erin Collett	William E. Jr. & Laura K. (O'Brien)
23	Aaron Zachary Weiner	Andrew L. & Andrea B. (Gale)
24	John Daniel Dolan	John D. & Patricia M. (Powers)
27	Brian Christopher Lambert	Gary A. Jr. & Maureen A. (Gillis)
27	Jessica Rose Looney	Daivd J. Jr. & Susan (Coppa)
29	Danielle Clougher Blelloch	David A. & Christine M. (Clougher)
31	Nicholas John Gagliardi	Nicholas & Julie M. (Ramos)
31	Kristin Elizabeth Parrish	Lonny W. & Elizabeth S. (Miller)
31	Kaitlyn Eileen Stanislawzyk	Paul & Kelly A. (Starvish)

APRIL

1	Jessica Elizabeth Cobb	Daniel C. & Agnes M. (Szakaly)
1	Brian Thomas O'Neill, III	Brian T. Jr. & Diana M. (Garriga)
7	Katherine Grace Duffy	Robert M. & Bridget H. (Mayo)
8	Samantha Shirley Voelker	Christopher & Diane (Chillemi)
10	Sean Patrick Curtin	Gerald M. & Denise M. (Hannigan)
14	Robert Joseph Almeida	Robert Allen Jr. & Lisa M. (Shannon)
14	Paula Nashaat Moawde	Nashaat F. & Sonia F. (Israil)
16	Amy Caroline Sweet	Charles S. & Nancy E. (Connors)
20	Samuel Hayden Cox	Christopher A. & Elizabeth (Davis)
21	Jenna Selene Berkowitz	Leonard J. & Sheryl (Segal)
22	Nadia Jessica Itani	Muhammad M. & Wisam R. (Omran)
22	Emma Rose Mandel	Adam H. & Lydia C. (Fowler)
22	William Sherman Stenstrom	William S. & Betty T. (Chiaradonna)
24	Ella Grace Clifford	Michael L. V. & Winnifred A. (O'Toole)
26	Aubrie Jill Parker	Timothy M. & Marla L. (Mottola)
30	Kaitlyn Rose McCarthy	Richard P. & Ellen M. (Suszinski)

MAY

4	Sam Harrison Kelly	Sean G. & Danielle J. (Wiseman)
4	Chandler J. Hutchison	Mark A. & Laura A. (Kukla)
5	Korey Allan Paull	Edward J. Jr. & Robin M. (Heikkila)
8	Riley Elizabeth Spillane	Francis H. Jr. & Melissa I. (Cohen)
12	Rachel Ann Bolduc	John P. & Tracie A. (Phillips)
14	Thomas Joseph O'Leary	Sean M. & Theresa E. (Joseph)
14	Eadan Michael Ryan	Jeremiah G. & Helen E. (O'Brien)
15	James John McCarthy	Scott J. & Margaret A. (Nix)
15	Emily Renee Tedesco	Timothy A. & Kelly A. (Howe)
19	Mary Catherine Perron	Gregory P. & Catherine E. (O'Dea)
20	Louis Henry Rosen	Lawrence W. & Jodie (Raduziner)
20	Emily Jaie Luong	Nam T. & Quinnie B. (Tieu)
21	Samantha Jane Lang	David W. & Nicole J. (Bisson)
22	Nicholas James Bianchini	Michael J. & Susan A. (Campbell)
22	Dalene Barbara Gomes	Daniel I. IIII & Lisa A. (Deiulio)
26	Richard Joseph Brocklesby, III	Richard J. Jr. & Deborah A. (Deagle)
26	Katerina Lucy Bressette	Leo G. III & Kelly S. (Eichstedt)
26	Rebecca Rose Carroll	Robert M. & Linda W. (Watson)
26	Aidan Joseph Curran	John D. & Denise A. (Domas)
26	Elizabeth Marie Larson	Thomas S. & Elizabeth A. (Cross)
27	Meredith Grace Cosgrove	Kevin F. & Karen (Zusi)
28	Jacob Mark Toomey	Mark V. & Jennifer A. (Gentile)
29	Carly Marie Cidado	Leonard R. & Diane M. (Fredericksen)
30	Ryan Patrick Lehane	Daniel P. Sr. & Clare A. (Gleason)
31	Ryan Christopher Gill	Christopher E. & Lauren A. (Turke)
31	Amanda Catherine Gallagher	Robert J. & Karen B. (Gallerani)
31	Danielle Mara Pugsley	Jeffrey J. & Lisa R. (Post)

JUNE

3	Amir Seyed Kazemi	Hossein S. & Parvaneh N. (Nour)
3	Madison Hoyt Murphy	Michael P. & Christine E. (Madden)
4	Jacob Anthony Callionizis	Peter C. & Annmarie (Woods)
5	Ryan Patrick McCabe	Robert A. & Mary L. (Peters)
5	Zakaria Abdulellah Mifdal	Mohammed T. & Rabia E. (El Filali)
9	Julia Rose Cremin	Timothy M. & Maribeth (Smith)
10	Patrick Robert Briand	Daniel J. & Sarah J. (Shiel)
11	Michelle Amber Foote	Scott D. & Ana M. (Ramon)
11	Delia Ann Chamberlin	Christopher & Heidi L. (Greene)
11	Brent Robert Schwartz	Marc D. & Kathleen M. (O'Donovan)
11	Jamie Nicole Gottwald	Kevin M. & Jacquelyn (Buote)
13	Alexandra Marie Pennellatore Whiteside	Michael C. & Deborah A. (Pennellatore)
16	Matthew Scott Hershman	Steven E. & Dale R. (Silverstein)

17	Emily Joy McBride	Edward W. & Stephanie A. (Klein)
21	Michael Evan Sullivan	Peter A. & Joan M. (Ouellette)
23	Lawrence Stephen Mrowka	Peter S. & Amanda (Krohn)
24	Hannah Marie Friend	Kevin G. & Linda J. (Strong)
24	Devin Amanda Gardner	Craig P. & Dawn M. (Lunde)
24	Daniel Delaney Pinto	John M. & Carole J. (Flanagan)
25	Samantha Gail Duke	David A. & Kim M. (Palmer)
25	Maddison Phillips Hansen	Timothy P. & Brooke (Phillips)
26	Alexis Nicole Hamel	Mark C. & Terri A. (Giordano)
28	Jeffrey Charles Capece	James E. & Beverly A. (McGee)
29	Owen Albert Walter	Karl D. & Tina M. (Crisp)
30	Abigail Marie Sterling	Matthew D. & Stacy L. (Ford)
30	Nicole Anna Levine	Todd M. & Kristin (Walbridge)

JULY

1	Colleen Diane MacDonald	Glen E. & Christine D. (Colwell)
1	Jared Christopher Mallers	John C. Sr. & Tammy L. (Desmond)
5	Julia Elise Webster	Gregory M. & Cynthia M. (Masciarelli)
14	Brad Joseph O'Brien	James M. & Keri A. (O'Connor)
14	Cameron James Theall	Spencer C. & Jamie B. (Mangott)
15	Jessica Maria Marquez	Luis A. & Elsa D. (Castro)
16	Kristin Marie Connelly	Robert J. Jr. & Patricia A. (Hines)
17	Nicholas James Clinton	James E. & Sandra J. (Baldwin)
17	Olivia Ruth Powers	Peter J. & Lisa R. (DiPaolo)
18	Matthew Taylor Tjahjadi	Janto Z. & Agustina S. (Rahardja)
20	Kristen Michelle Roche	Kevin M. & Karen F. (McKenna)
21	Alexander Patrick McFaun	James F. & Cheryl A. (Gagnon)
23	Liam Patrick Aborn	Thomas B. & Delia (Grealish)
25	Matthew John Ronan	Martin J. & Priscilla J. (Bailey)
30	Alexa Hannah Levitt	Jonathan P. & Marni (Smilow)

AUGUST

3	Cody Luis Santos Fraga	Rui M. & Maria R. (Santos)
3	Kyle Antonio Santos Fraga	Rui M. & Maria R. (Santos)
3	Nicole Lorraine Walker	Thomas J. & Marie E. (Giroux)
4	Jake Francis Romaine	Craig T. & Karen A. (Connolly)
5	Molly Beth Kostka	Kenneth L. & Noreen F. (Connolly)
6	Taylor Kelly Burns	Brian & Mary P. (Moratz)
6	Samuel Thomas Thibeault	Thomas G. III & Stacey N. (Sheehan)
7	Jared Maxwell McKean	Shane J. & Sara (Langson)
7	Victoria Hailey Carney	Sean J. & Laurie (DeRosa)
8	Gianna Lee Ciulla	David V. & Michelle L. (Gilson)
9	Carolyn Elizabeth Niosi	Marc A. & Cheryl A. (Gauss)
11	Thomas Jenner Berry	Christopher F. & Emeline M. (Carlson)
11	Quinn Alexander Marchicelli	Alessandro & Sheryl L. (Bahmler)

12	Kassandra Mary Geribo	Derek B. & Holly E. (Hanscom)
12	Sydney Emerson Horgan	Timothy S. & Tanja D. (Foster)
13	Ryan John McCarthy	Timothy C. & Donna J. (Petzoldt)
15	Nicholas Paul Barber	Jeremy B. & Laura J. (Patz)
15	John Michael Downes	Michael D. & Cathryn C. (MacDonald)
15	Benjamin Joseph Mailloux	Martin T. & Caroline (Ponte)
16	Samantha Faye Bruha	Mark A. & Stacey L. (Kupperstein)
16	Ryan Michael DeCosta	Michael F. & Brenda J. (Perry)
19	Nicholas William Meade	Robert T. & Jodi L. (Colella)
20	Shannon Kathleen Cahill	Paul E. & Erika B. (Larsen)
24	MacLaren Francis Brigham	Gerard J. & Erin C. (McLaughlin)
28	Jordan Lynne Brocklesby	Scott M. & Sharon (Kennedy)
28	William Davis Rice	Curtis A. & Susan L. (Schneiders)
29	Chelsea Rose Matta	Kenneth L. & Marie E. (Conner)

SEPTEMBER

1	Zachary Edwin Monroe	John E. & Donna M. (Gouveia)
1	Joseph Lawrence Mack, Jr.	Joseph L. Sr. & Denise M. (Saulnier)
1	Eric Richard Berardi	Russell P. & Kathryn A. (LaFerte)
2	Julia Grace Holmes	Frank & Kirsten J. (Donahue)
3	Korey Michael Sweezey	Edward D. Jr. & Michelle A. (Ennis)
4	Briana Paige Dinicola	Paul & Pamela A. (Booth)
5	Mark John Grigas	John M. & Linda J. (Sullivan)
6	Evan James Anderson	Paul J. & Gina R. (Moffett)
9	Catherine Amanda Murphy	John J. & Elizabeth A. (Berolini)
10	Kate Elizabeth Heppner	Peter E. & Laura A. (Roderick)
10	Max Herschel Velt	Carl T. & Joyce F. (Rabson)
15	Mitchell William McKinnon	Wayne R. & Anna M. (Sutera)
17	Rachel Kathleen Foley	John D. Jr. & Cynthia A. (Coughlan)
17	Mark Steven Sessa	Mark & Darlene W. (Botcho)
17	Jessica Terese Mills	Gregory R. & Karen T. (Friesen)
19	Elizabeth Theresa Griffin	James L. Jr. & Kathleen M. (Goldsmith)
19	Mikayla Irene MacNeil	Gregory A & Kelli (LaPlante)
20	Sabrina Rose Cella	John F. & Sheila M. (Powers)
20	Jan Christian Otto Staecker	Hinrich & Danielle E. (Gaudette)
24	Caroline Mary Graves	John W. & Mary L. (Fitzgerald)
24	Kendall Margaret Clifford	Joseph T. & Frances H. (McKendall)
27	Erin Rose Cullen	William M. & Lisa (Kauer)
29	Collin Matthew Barker	Kelly R. & Lisa-Marie (Arnone)
29	Amber May Stanley	Duane M. & Amanda M. (Roberts)

OCTOBER

2	Eric Scott Madonna	Steven A. & Susan (Pensinger)
3	Colin William Greene	William T. Jr. & Joanne H. (Powers)
3	Dean Mitchell Roberts	Brian D. & Katharine L. (DeCota)

7	Alex Joseph Biederwolf	Kurt J. & Lisa (Gordon)
8	Lindsey Maureen McCarthy	James M. & Christine M. (MacInnis)
9	Erin Marie McCormack	Paul & Kathleen M. (Doyle)
11	Alden James Newman	Eric A. & Karin E. (Ricci)
12	Andrea Arlene Kline	Chris O. & Sabrina H. (Lee)
15	Kyle Richard Agresta	Michael A. & Doreen M. (DuBois)
17	Kayley Murielle Donze	Fabian & Karine V. (Scheurer)
20	Emily Anne Daniels	Christopher J. & Kim E. (O'Connor)
20	Michael Connor Duggan	Edward M. Jr. & Kathleen C. (Minion)
22	Christopher Stephen Florek	Francis E. Jr. & Mary Ann (Driscoll)
22	Rory Patrick Sullivan	Michael P. & Susan F. (Silva)
23	Andrea Roselouise Servello	Sergio F. & Dianna M. (Pratt)
26	Peter Joe Elkhoury	Pierre S. & Fadia J. (Gergi)
26	Samantha Mary Lawrence	Albert J. & Deborah M. (Borden)
29	James Matthew McDonald	John E. & Debra L. (Varnadore)
29	Katelyn Elizabeth Kennedy	Scott H. & Elizabeth E. (Lessard)
30	Seraphina Ann Machado	Mark S. & Heather A. (Grasso)
31	Samuel Charles Barrett	Rene C. & Dawne K. (Edlund)

NOVEMBER

1	Amy Sarah Rice	Peter D. & Bethanie J. (Luce)
2	Kelly Elizabeth Connors	Robert A. & Elizabeth (Healey)
7	Jayda Marie Pearson	James M. & Darlene F. (Beckford)
9	Danielle Angela Signori	Daniel B. & Jacqueline (Spagna)
15	Connor Gregory Mack	Brian G. & Denise E. (Maccini)
16	Hannah Kathryn Ashton	Ronald S. & Marcia (Solomon)
19	Lauren Avery Wright	Michael S. & Ileen B. (Stone)
19	Nicole Anna Johnson	Steven H. & Marianne E. (Brennan)
20	Jessica Ruth Robarge	Jeffrey P. & Tracy L. (McIlwrath)
20	Jeffrey Paul Robarge, Jr.	Jeffrey P. & Tracy L. (McIlwrath)
22	Bruce Jonathan Hadley	Bruce R. & Lisa J. (Sheppard)
25	Jared Lawrence Costello	Lawrence M. & Sandra J. (Mahoney)
26	Charles Garver Dresing	Robert H. & Margaret (Morrison)
26	MacKenzie Marie Eskholme	Michael G. & Kerry L. (Phillips)
29	Tyler Royal Dixon	Kevin P. & Diane J. (Babcock)
30	Griffin William Perry	Derek D. & Shawna M. (Carley)

DECEMBER

8	Victoria Rose Gallivan	Edward T. Jr. & Glynis (Dunn)
10	Lily Ann Whitston	William K. & Jennifer L. (Jewkes)
11	Nicholas Vincent Lombardi	Mark S. & Roula W. (Aweida)
12	Arthur William Robichaud, III	Arthur W. II & Dorothy A. (Duggan)
14	Riley Patrick Gibson	James P. & Kathleen M. (Rooney)
15	Alyson Marie Hampston	Charles L. & Diane M. (Driscoll)
18	Kayla Noelle Kofton	Brandt C. & Cheryl A. (Gerraughty)
19	John Bergeron Morse	Daniel T. & Amy M. (Sergio)

21	Sean Michael Cosgrove	Michael E. & Katharine H. (Nichols)
23	Cameron Joseph Johnson	Joseph M. & Debra A. (Vickowski)
24	Anna Louise Nelson	John-Erik J. & Joyce L. (Williams)
25	Carter Joseph Evin	Kerin N. & Adrienne A. (Gray)
26	Jordyn Elyse Kelley	Patrick M. & Betsy (Kawadler)
26	Paige Elizabeth Kelley	Patrick M. & Betsy (Kawadler)

1998 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN EASTON

JANUARY		None
FEBRUARY		
	14	Daniel S. Oney and Deborah A. McMurray, both of Easton
	14	Michael W. George of Mansfield and Denise E. Gilson of Easton
	14	David S. MacDonald of Taunton and Jessica P. King of Easton
	21	John P. Brousseau amd Laurie I. Trauterman, both of Easton
	21	Brian D. Roberts of Foxboro and Katharine L. DeCosta of Easton
	28	Paul E. Bello and Kristin M. Russo, both of Easton
MARCH		
	7	Aaron M. Ford of Easton and Debbie A. Drinkwater of Taunton
	20	Paul A. Hoey of Marshfield and Colleen H. Mahoney of Norton
	21	John W. Harte Jr. and Urszula Starczynska, both of Easton
APRIL		
	4	James P. Dunphy and Barbara S. Harrison, both of Easton
	18	Christopher J. Davis and Kimberly L. Ewel, both of Easton
	19	Mark E. Bissonette, Jr. of Easton and Kendra J. Riley of Dedham
	25	Christoopher S. O'Reilly and Kathleen A. Beaudoin, both of Easton
	25	John A. Anderson and Elise M. Winslow, both of Easton
	26	Robert J. Byron of VA and Kristin S. Straczynski of Easton
MAY		
	2	Andrew J. Franzen of Brockton and Denise V. McCormick of Easton
	3	Scott W. Thibeault and Cheryl A. Metter, both of Easton
	9	David Wiinikainen and Paula Sciabarrasi, both of Easton
	9	Paul J. Routson and Christine E. Lovell, both of Easton
	9	David M.. Harris and Robin J. Levoy, both of Easton
	10	David M. Sheehan and Tina M. Ecker, both of NH
	16	James F. Fleming and Rebecca F. Hessler, both of Easton
	16	Martin P. Connolly and Cynthia R. Bemis, both of Easton
	23	Kevin M. Gullens of Taunton and Lee E. Murphy of Easton
	23	Peter J. Gallagher of Easton and Jennifer E. Healey of Bridgewater
	23	Paul C. Callery and Donna A. Riendeau, both of Franklin
	24	Jeremy R. Smith and Valerie A. Willis, both of Easton
	24	David L. Dobro and Suzette D. Dietrich, both of Easton
	30	Michael J. Rosselli and Jessica A. Cabral, both of Middleboro
	30	Scott M. Woodward of Taunton and Nicole E. Hegarty of Easton
JUNE		
	5	Patrick M. Tracy and Kim M. MacLeod, both of Easton
	6	Francis M. Connolly and Michelle A. Worster, both of Lakeville
	6	Jeffrey A. Bliss and Donna L. M. Battista, both of Easton
	7	Daniel J. Judge and Yolande J. Pellerin, both of Easton
	7	Wayne A. Stevens and Debra J. Smith, both of Easton

	12	Henry J. Webber, Jr. and Teresa A. Ladeira, both of Easton
	13	Michael J. Freeman and Gail F. McCallum, both of Easton
	20	Edward C. Small of Franklin and Beverly J. McNeill of Easton
	20	Warren G. Nighan, Jr. of Mashpee and Erika L. Goodman of Easton
	20	Nicholas P. Zeoli & Linda J. Ivanoski, both of Easton
	20	William R. Dillon, Jr. and Tobey A. Papagno, both of Easton
	20	William K. Bernardo, Jr. and Bridget J. Dumoulin, both of MI
	27	Kevin J. Cross of Wrentham and Wendy L. Burbridge of Easton
	27	Joseph P. Stowe and Kimberly K. Feidner, both of Easton
	27	Mark B. Melchert and Noreen M. O'Connell, both of Easton
	27	John R. Shea and Erin M. Furey, both of Norton
JULY		
	1	Hin K. Wong and Maggie Xiao J. Tang, both of Easton
	11	Stephen C. Nyberg and Heather L. Samay, both of Easton
	11	Richard A. Regnante and Jane E. Walcott, both of Easton
	11	Jason F. Bourne and Kerry J. McLaughlin, both of Easton
	11	Edward P. Flynn of Whitman and Kathleen F. Iacono of Quincy
	11	James J. Porter, Jr. and Catherine A. Clarke, both of Easton
	18	Thomas W. Powers and Sonya M. Ouellette, both of Easton
	18	Kenneth J. Lombardi and Rachel A. Glaser, both of RI
	18	Michael C. Bonito and Lisa M. Russell, both of Easton
AUGUST		
	1	Jasper Bing and Thelma Brewington, both of Easton
	8	Peter Dacey and Tammy L. Zeigler, both of Easton
	9	Michael F. Bohn of Lakeville and Kimberley A. Palmer of Taunton
	29	Kevin M. Gosciak and Jacqueline A. Sullivan, both of Easton
	29	John B. Howe and Lisa M. Rosa, both of Easton
	29	Jeffrey A. Hayward and Julie A. Curtis, both of Easton
	29	Steven W. Latham and Nancy L. Olson, both of Easton
	30	Paul R. Comstock and Jeanne M. Svirsky, both of Easton
SEPTEMBER		
	5	John K. Gomes and Juliette M. Falvey, both of Easton
	5	W. Rodney Thomas of Waltham and Kimberly L. Gioioso of Easton
	6	Geoffrey S. Dillon and Deborah A. Sheldon, both of Easton
	12	John O. Day and Denine M. Gale, both of Easton
	19	Scott M. Sullivan and Nicole L. Bouchard, both of NH
	19	Mark F. Perron and Pauline M. Carroll, both of Easton
	19	William K. Mandeville and Maureen-Marie Adamo, both of Taunton
	19	Todd C. Domings and Stephanie M. Testa, both of Easton
	20	Alan D. Zaff and Alice A. Tobin, both of Easton
	20	Charles E. Skinner and Diane R. Dio, both of Easton
	25	Earl J. Sylvester and Patricia A. O'Donnell, both of Easton
	26	Richard H. Cicchetti, Jr. of Easton and Dawn M. Giunta of Stoughton
	26	Richard A. Paulhus and Michele M. McLaughlin, both of Norton

OCTOBER

3 Neal W. Adams and Kellie A. Cripps, both of Easton
3 Charles W. Allen, Jr. and Jodie E. Walsh, both of Easton
8 David S. Tripolone and Nancy A. Bell, both of Easton
9 Robert E. Orlando of Stoughton and Julianne M. Boyle of Easton
10 Mark D. Byron of Brockton and Joanne B. Olsen of Easton
10 John K. Willard, Jr. of Randolph and Maureen A. Hurley of Easton
10 Dennis M. Rodin and Christine E. Desmond, both of NY
11 Paul T. McGrath of Easton and Laura J. Flavin of Quincy
11 Stephen G. Lukin of CT and Anne M. Gaudet of Easton
11 Jeffrey J. Feuer and Rhonda J. Yorra, both of Easton
17 Daniel C. Regan of Easton and Karen M. Gardner of Shirley
17 Howard A. Fogel and Laura S. Talesnick, both of Easton
17 Gregory P. Lynch of Easton and Sarah M. Puliafico of Milton
18 Omer D. Lizotte III and Paula E. Serabian, both of Easton
24 Gabriele Tempestoso and Kathryn A. Wood, both of Easton
24 Thomas O. Maltby and Martha M. Castro, both of Easton
31 Kevin M. Hennebry of RI and Andrea M. Wells of Easton
31 Steven V. Lovering of Dedham and Eileen M. McCarthy of Easton

NOVEMBER

1 Robert J. Ziino and Geralyn R. Farinella, both of Easton
7 Robert D. Gross and Samantha R. Sano, both of NJ
7 Christopher Pircio and Lisa A. Robinson, both of Easton
7 Steven A. Beatty and Lynn R. Reynolds, both of Easton
14 Christopher S. Murray and Stacy M. Smith, both of Foxboro
27 Marc R. Rousseau of New Bedford and Katharine D. Kenyon of Taunton
28 Louis S. Freshman and Lynda B. Stabinsch, both of Easton

DECEMBER

5 Mark J. Rogers and Angela L. Stanley, both of Easton
12 Richard R. Russell and Tara A. McLaughlin, both of Easton
17 John E. McElman and Amy L. Urquhart, both of Easton
27 Ronnie R. Martel of R.I. and Meridith L. Chastain of Easton
31 Erik J. Olsen and Catherine J. Gibbs, both of Easton

1998 DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON

DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE
JANUARY			
8	John Snell	72	Easton
8	Lloyd E. Gay	85	Easton
12	Faye Margulies	91	Easton
12	Sophie A. Graf	84	Easton
19	Antonio Ferragamo	77	Easton
24	Matthew Cooper	45	Easton
24	Dominic Mattei	77	Easton
25	Alice Morse	73	Easton
30	Anna B. Driscoll	82	Easton
FEBRUARY			
2	John R. Kuplast, Sr.	64	Brockton
2	John S. Rudick, Sr.	77	Easton
3	Carl M. Johnson	89	Easton
5	Agnes R. Fahey	82	Easton
7	Arthur C. Woodworth	71	Easton
9	Frank L. Cardinal	90	Mansfield
10	Cecile F. Kennedy	77	Easton
12	Alice Vasapollo	81	Easton
13	Katherine Goldforb	87	Easton
15	Joseph J. Sylvester	72	Easton
19	Myron B. Glover	59	Easton
20	Olive M. Martin	94	Easton
27	Jean C. Barry	72	Easton
MARCH			
1	Alma Bagge	72	Easton
2	Winnifred I. Anderson	77	Avon
2	Cora M. Sweet	93	Easton
3	Margaret Cunningham	84	Easton
9	Joseph F. McDermott	73	Easton
13	Reva Arnold	72	Easton
13	Mildred Peterson	80	Easton
18	Beulah White	92	Easton
24	John E. Sheehan, Sr.	78	Easton
25	Lawrence P. Svendsen	87	Easton
27	James R. Ginnochio	50	Norton
29	Eddie W. Jones	56	Easton
29	Melvin J. McLain	82	Easton

APRIL

4	Barbara Fournier	55	Easton
5	Gladys H. Beard	90	Easton
6	Roberta L. Briggs	79	Easton
6	Paul J. LaBelle	49	Easton
7	Dolores Lobris	68	Easton
9	Anita Watts	65	Easton
12	Lillian M. Curtis	91	Easton
16	Willis G. Buck	98	Easton
19	Gene T. Farrell, Sr.	66	Easton
23	Mary M. Sparuk	75	Easton
25	Dino M. DeBenedictis	77	Easton
27	Effie E. Cole	94	Easton
29	Elizabeth M. Ryan	79	Easton

MAY

1	Florence C. Cournyn	76	Easton
1	Douglass R. MacDonald	75	Easton
6	Audrey J. Smith	80	Easton
7	Eva T. Bush	86	Easton
8	Albina M. Grant	83	Taunton
10	J. Timothy Hogan	36	Easton
13	Marion F. Nye	65	Easton
14	Ross J. Bridge	72	Easton
17	Howard F. Alger	78	Easton
17	Jeanne Cohen	89	Easton
21	Ralph J. Heath	89	Easton
22	Louis J. Gomes	68	Easton
26	Edward P. Cocking	56	Easton
27	Kenneth H. Cantwell	88	Easton
28	Stephen J. Yachimski	48	Easton
29	Grace E. Shannon	91	Easton

JUNE

9	Albert J. Gioiosa	81	Easton
13	Barbara J. Lynch	70	Easton
16	P. Ganapathy Iyer	91	No. Attleboro
19	Gertrude G. Roach	88	Stoughton
27	Mary C. Doherty	73	Easton
27	John A. Maniofi	88	Easton
28	Raymond P. Potter	30	Warwick, RI
29	Iva A. Shanks	80	Easton

JULY

6	James E. DeCouto	69	Easton
10	Gaetana a.k.a. Jennie Gatto	83	Easton
11	Grace Perry	94	Easton
13	Alberta M. Simmons	79	Easton
13	Eleanor A. Souza	78	Easton
15	Arlene C. DiSilvestro	44	Easton
25	Jean M. Dunn	72	East Bridgewater
29	Estelle A. Marsan	56	Easton
31	Kenneth Eckstrom, Sr.	67	Easton

AUGUST

1	Arthur W. Sainsbury, Jr.	64	Easton
2	Maria F. Dias	50	Easton
3	Malcolm D. Brooks	54	Easton
4	Isabel Santos	81	Easton
5	George E. Serpis	74	Easton
7	Catherine M. Powers	87	Easton
11	Violette C. Keppie	91	Easton
15	Joseph E. Burgess	62	Easton
17	Mabel A. Fay	81	Mansfield
20	Helen W. Johnson	50	Easton
22	Robert T. Gormley	72	Easton
25	Walter B. Reddick	68	Easton
27	Edmund J. Richard	68	Easton
29	Gary A. Rintala	51	Easton
30	Joseph Thomas	79	Easton

SEPTEMBER

2	Henry C. Peterson	82	Easton
4	Kathryn A. Linzi	79	Easton
5	Earl C. Fielding	77	Mansfield
7	Olive E. Coe	77	Easton
7	John A. Miller, Sr.	84	Easton
8	Irving M. Gershman	73	Easton
9	Marguerite Cloutier	89	Easton
17	Mary K. Slocombe	92	Easton
20	Paul B. Morley	62	Easton
24	Leona Clark	51	Easton
25	Shirley V. Stubbs	68	Easton
27	Phyllis A. Leonard	71	Easton
28	Rita K. Cerrato	82	Quincy

28	Roberta M. Ryan	55	Easton
29	Florence L. Brior	79	West Bridgewater
30	Patricia N. Costello	65	Hanover

OCTOBER

2	Lorraine P. Legare	65	Easton
8	Anthony Ippolito	94	Easton
11	Leo R. Schleicher	96	Easton
14	Deborah A. Smith	46	Easton
17	Richardo Bruno	63	New Bedford
22	Oscar J. Martin	87	Easton
23	Priscilla Shepard	96	Easton
27	Harry O. Deal	60	Easton
28	George E. Sawyer	94	Easton
29	Rosalie M. Raymond	80	Easton

NOVEMBER

1	Ida V. Erekson	82	Watertown
3	Bernard S. Morse	89	Easton
5	Judy A. Gill	60	Easton
5	Anna G. McSweeney	77	Boston
6	John J. Lawrence	80	Easton
9	Esther L. Harlow	74	Easton
10	Sara Belastock	90	Easton
10	Helen C. Buhan	80	Easton
13	Joanna Clark	64	Foxboro
23	Sidney Mackler	71	Easton
27	Dorothy I. French	95	Easton
28	Marcia G. Vailliant	49	Taunton
30	Eleanor Gilson	94	Easton

DECEMBER

3	Michael L. Berteletti	84	Canton
6	Adaline T. Mitchell	73	Easton
10	Mary C. Scagnoli-Lieber	78	Easton
10	Martha Richard	62	Easton
16	Robert Leonard	58	Easton
16	Anna Saul	72	Easton
20	Walter H. Herlihy	90	Easton
21	Hedy Zacharkewicz	77	Easton
22	Ronald Burnell	79	Easton
24	Mary R. Genatossio	89	Brockton
26	Virginia Ann Carney	59	R.I.

26	Frances B. Thornton	87	Easton
26	Vincent L. Galvin	85	Easton
28	David S. Lee	64	Easton
31	Roland E. Cole	73	Easton

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Various meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration of voters for Town Meetings and all elections.

At the close of registration on Tuesday, March 24, 1998 (For Annual Town Meeting & Election)

Precinct	Democrat	Inter 3rd Party	Libertarian	Reform	Republican	Unenrolled	Total
1	565	2	4	1	490	1191	2253
2A	92	1	1	0	128	294	516
2B	434	0	1	0	355	825	1615
3	485	1	8	2	351	1022	1869
4	516	2	4	1	421	1142	2086
5	499	2	0	1	365	1278	2145
6	487	2	1	2	371	1073	1936
Total	3078	10	19	7	2481	6825	12420

At the close of registration on Friday, April 3, 1998 (For Special Town Meeting April 13)

1	565	2	4	1	490	1192	2254
2A	93	1	1	0	129	294	518
2B	435	0	1	0	356	827	1619
3	489	1	8	2	353	1024	1877
4	518	2	4	1	422	1148	2095
5	500	2	0	1	365	1281	2149
6	487	2	1	2	372	1076	1940
Total	3087	10	19	7	2487	6842	12452

At the close of registration Wednesday, August 26, 1998 (For State Primary 9/15/98)

1	582	2	4	1	503	1238	2330
2A	94	1	1	0	130	299	525
2B	444	0	1	0	365	855	1665
3	513	1	8	3	364	1080	1969
4	533	3	4	1	433	1190	2164
5	527	2	0	1	378	1321	2229
6	502	2	1	3	378	1122	2008
Total	3195	11	19	9	2551	7105	12890

At close of registration on Wednesday, October 14, 1998 (For State Election 11/3/98)

1	595	3	4	1	507	1267	2377
2A	94	1	1	0	130	302	528
2B	454	0	1	0	368	867	1690
3	538	1	8	4	369	1112	2032
4	542	3	4	1	441	1209	2200

5	538	2	0	2	386	1340	2268
6	519	2	1	3	382	1143	2050
Total	3280	12	19	11	2583	7240	13145

At close of registration on Friday, October 30, 1998 (For Special Town Meeting 11/9/98)

1	600	3	4	1	508	1274	2390
2A	94	1	1	0	130	304	530
2B	455	0	1	0	369	871	1696
3	540	1	8	4	369	1117	2039
4	544	3	4	1	441	1215	2208
5	539	2	0	2	388	1344	2275
6	522	2	1	3	382	1147	2057
Total	3294	12	19	11	2587	7272	13195

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Fleury, Chairman
Jean H. Cote
Jean M. Kent
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Clerk
BOARD OF REGISTRARS

TOWN CLERKS FEES ISSUED JULY 1997 TO JUNE 1998

Birth Certificates	358	$ 5.00	$ 1,790.00
Death Certificates	536	$ 5.00	$ 2,680.00
Marriage Certificates	237	$ 5.00	$ 1,185.00
Birth Certificates	263	$ 4.00	$ 1,052.00
Death Certificates	6	$ 4.00	$ 24.00
Marriage Certificates	20	$ 4.00	$ 80.00
Marriage Intentions	121	$ 15.00	$ 1,815.00
Voter I.D. Cards	15	$ 5.00	$ 75.00
Business Certificates	195	$ 20.00	$ 3,900.00
Business Discontinuances	12	$ 10.00	$ 120.00
Financing Statements	332	$ 10.00	$ 3,320.00
Financing Releases	45	$ 5.00	$ 225.00
Sale of Street lists			$ 1,369.00
Recording Pole Locations			$ 360.00
Copies, Etc			$ 969.58
Raffle Permits	8	$ 10.00	$ 80.00
Sale of By-Laws/CodeBooks/Voter Lists			$ 170.30
Duplicate Dog Tags	13	$ 3.00	$ 39.00
Interest			$ -
Board of Appeals Filing Fees			$ 8,000.00
Declaration of Homestead			$ -
Sale of Fishing Holders			$ 38.50
Transfer Dog License			$ -
Search Fees			$ 265.00
Misc.			$ 21.08
Recording fee- Birth			$ 10.00
Total Town Clerk Fees			$ 27,588.46
Sporting License Fees			$ 577.75
Total Paid to Town Treasurer			$ 28,166.21

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED JULY 1997 TO JUNE 1998

ISSUED JULY 1, 1997 TO JUNE 30, 1998 INCLUSIVE

# issued	License	Fee	Total
	1997 LICENSES	(JULY TO APRIL)	
154	Neutered Males	$10.00	$1,540.00
89	Males	$15.00	$1,335.00
201	Spayed Females	$10.00	$2,010.00
42	Females	$15.00	$630.00
1	Kennel License	$50.00	$50.00
0	Transfer Licenses	$3.00	$0.00
487	Total Licenses		$5,565.00
105	Late Fees	$ 25.00	$2,625.00
	Collected		$8,190.00
	1998 License	(March to June)	
647	Neutered Males	$ 10.00	$6,470.00
220	Males	$ 15.00	$3,300.00
838	Spayed Females	$ 10.00	$8,380.00
76	Females	$ 15.00	$1,140.00
1	Kennel	$ 25.00	$25.00
1	Kennel	$ 50.00	$50.00
0	Transfer Licenses	$ 3.00	$ -
1783	Total Licenses		$19,365.00
0	Late Fees	$25.00	$0.00
	Collected		$19,365.00
2270	Total Licenses Collected		$24,930.00
105	Total Late Fees		$2,625.00
	Total Funds Collected		$27,555.00
	Total Paid to Treasurer		$ 27,555.00

The total number of licenses issued for each of the last six years was as follows:

1992	1765
1993	1685
1994	1744
1995	1778
1996	1910
1997	1889

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC
Town Clerk

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED JULY 1997 TO JUNE 1998

ISSUED JULY 1997 TO JUNE 1998 INCLUSIVE

#issued	LICENSE	FEE	TOTAL
211	Resident Fishing	$23.50	$4,958.50
15	Resident Minor Fishing	$7.50	$112.50
8	Resident Fishing (Age 65-69)	$12.25	$98.00
29	Resident Fishing Handicapped	$0.00	$0.00
0	Non-resident Fishing	$33.50	$0.00
3	Non-resident Fishing 3-Day	$19.50	$58.50
0	Resident Fishing 3-Day	$8.50	$0.00
1	Resident Trapping	$31.50	$ 31.50
	Resident Trapping Minor	$7.50	$0.00
1	Resident Trapping (Age 65-69)	$16.25	$16.25
1	Duplicate Fishing	$2.00	$ 2.00
0	Duplicate Trapping	$2.00	$0.00
269	Total Fishing Licenses		$5,277.25
53	Resident Hunting	$23.50	$1,245.50
3	Resident Hunting (Age 65-69)	$12.25	$36.75
0	Resident Hunting Paraplegic	$0.00	$0.00
0	Resident Alien Hunting	$23.50	$0.00
1	Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	$95.50	$95.50
3	Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	$61.50	$184.50
1	Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	$7.50	$7.50
61	Resident Sporting	$41.00	$2,501.00
12	Resident Sporting (Age 65-69)	$21.00	$252.00
44	Resident Sporting (Over 70)	$0.00	$0.00
0	Duplicate Hunting	$2.00	$0.00
5	Duplicate Sporting	$2.00	$10.00
183	Total Sporting Licenses		$4,332.75
56	Archery Stamps	$5.10	$285.60
37	Waterfowl Stamps	$5.00	$185.00
34	Primitive Firearms Stamp	$5.10	$173.40
364	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Reside	$5.00	$1,820.00
7	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Non-Re	$5.00	$35.00
498	Total Stamps Issued		$2,499.00
452	Total Licenses Issued		$9,610.00
950	Total Licenses and Stamps Issued		$12,109.00
373	Fees Deducted	$1.50	$559.50

37	Fees Deducted	$0.25	$9.25
90	Fees Deducted	$0.10	$9.00
500	Fees Deducted	$0.00	
500	Total Fees Deducted		$577.75
	Total Paid to Fisheries & Wildlife		$11,531.25

The total number of licenses for each of the last six years was as follows:

(Licenses and Stamps)	1991	1048
(Licenses and Stamps)	1992	1400
(Licenses and Stamps)	1993	1432
(Licenses and Stamps)	1994	1301
(Licenses and Stamps)	1995	1277
(Licenses and Stamps) (6 Mo. changed to fiscal Yr.)	1996	805

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC
Town Clerk

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit the Easton Fire and Rescue Department Annual Report for the year 1998 for your review.

Public Education and Fire Prevention

The number one priority of this Department is to prevent the needless injuries, suffering and property loss caused by fires, accidents and related incidents. In this regard, we maintain an extremely active educational program aimed at preventing these incidents before they occur, or reducing the severity of any resulting incidents.

The highly successful Safety Awareness & Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program (now in it's third year), continues to be well received by Easton elementary school children and teachers. Funded by a $5,185.00 competitive grant from the State's Department of Public Safety, it allows local fire departments to place a firefighter into the schools throughout the year teaching fire and life safety. Important fire safety lessons designed for each grade level (K-6) are taken right into the classroom and are presented in an effective interactive style impacting over 2000 Easton students.

Firefighters David Beals, Thomas Nicholson, and Lawrence Blye again taught their fire safety message to all Kindergarten classes and Day care centers on Fire Prevention Week in October. They continued in following weeks teaching grades 1 through 6.

The highlight of Fire Prevention Week was our annual Open House. Approximately 2000 Town's people visited the Lothrop St. Fire Station on a beautiful Saturday in October and viewed displays dealing with fire safety, fire prevention, rescue and medical equipment and other fire service tools. All of the Fire Department's apparatus was on display outside the station, along with the State's Hazardous Materials Response Unit. Citizens also viewed an auto extrication demonstration using hydraulic rescue tools. The arrival, tour and take-off of the Med-flight helicopter capped off a fun and informative day for all those who attended. Refreshments were donated by many of the community's businesses most notably Papa Gino's Pizza. I would like to thank all of the Easton Firefighters and their families for assisting us in making the day a success.

The Easton Fire and Rescue Department has it's own web page. Using the latest technology to further the Fire Prevention message, the web site can be reached through the Internet address of: **http://www.eastonfire.com.** On the site you will find information about our department, fire safety information, as well as links to hundreds of other fire services around the world. I can be reached via e-mail through our web page, or at **philbl@argo.net** . Firefighter Jeffrey Webster created and manages the Home Page for our Department.

Fire safety and fire extinguisher training was provided for local nursing home staff, regional school bus drivers and Easton businesses under the direction of department Training Officer Captain Walsh and on-duty firefighters. During 1998, Firefighter Anderson and Evan Malone conducted classes in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid to the public, School Employees, Town Pool Lifeguards, and Recreation Department workers.

The Fire Prevention Division, under Captain John Howard conducted fire inspections as required by State Law. Schools and nursing homes were inspected on a regular basis. Underground tank removals and blasting operations were monitored and target areas where fire-safety education was needed were identified.

Operations

Deputy Chief Norman McNeill, Operations Chief, reports that there were a total of 2947 incidents responded to by the department in 1998, for fire, emergency or other related problems. There were 20 dwelling fires, 8 fires in commercial property and 6 fires in other types of structures. There were 4333 Fire and Rescue Department equipment responses in 1998. I am pleased to report that in 1998 none of our citizens lost their lives, but four citizens were injured due to fire. Estimated property loss for all 1998 incidents to which the fire department responded amounted to $515,000.00, an increase in loss of $50,350.00 from last year. Fifteen (15) firefighters were injured in the line of duty in 1998, down by two from last year.

In 1998 the Easton Fire and Rescue Department continued to render too, and request from surrounding towns and cities, mutual aid fire and ambulance assistance. The department responded to 407 auto accidents. Fire personnel responded to 29 spill or fire incidents involving hazardous materials in Easton during the year.

There were 1386 emergency medical responses by the Fire Department Ambulance in the past year, an increase of 3 responses over last year. These responses resulted in the transport of 804 persons to local hospitals. In November, the Department received the civil service list and began hiring procedures for two replacement Firefighter/Paramedics. This will bring our Advanced Life Support trained personnel to a total of nine (9) Firefighter/Paramedics and seven (7) Firefighter/Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition we have 18 Firefighter/Basic Life Support EMTs.

All fire stations remained open during the year.

Firefighter Training and Education

Training and education are vital in ensuring that the Easton Fire and Rescue Department is able to respond effectively to the many and varied calls for assistance it receives. The Easton Fire and Rescue Department provides comprehensive training in the following areas: recruit (entry level), in-service skills development and refresher training, special skills development (hazardous materials, arson investigation, technical rescue, etc.), and officer supervisory skills and command skills development. During the year members attend required training which provides individual skills development and promotes team building. The results of this effective training program show up on the emergency scene through smooth, safe and effective operations.

In September, 1998, the Department was able to practice structural firefighting skills using the old Christmas Carols building on Washington Street that was donated for that use by a local contractor, Creative Homes Inc. This type of training is especially valuable in team building. The Department also sharpened it's auto extrication skills through training with our hydraulic rescue Jaws of Life units, using a number of vehicles donated by May's Tire and Auto Center, Turnpike St. West Bridgewater.

As our Town grows and develops, the Department is called to deal with situations that are becoming increasingly complex due to technological advances in our society. The Department is finding that it is more and more difficult to provide in-service training in the advanced technical fields, and that we must send personnel to places such as the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Barnstable Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy, in Emmitsburg, MD. As Fire Chief, I am proud of the capabilities and accomplishments of this department's employees, and can assure you that they are up to the challenges the future may bring.

Fire Alarm
The Fire Alarm Division, under Captain Thomas Stone, has continued to update the fire alarm system. New master fire alarm boxes were installed on commercial buildings. Fire Alarm wire was extended into new developments as needed and a street Fire Alarm Boxes, paid for by the contractor, installed. The Department recently awarded a contract to SigCom Inc. to install the beginnings of a radio box fire alarm system. I have included a request in the FY00 capitol budget for the purchase of 3 radio boxes to upgrade our Town owned buildings. The fire alarm system continues to be budgeted and successfully funded through a Fire Alarm Off-set Receipt Account.

Apparatus
At the April Town Meeting, voters approved the purchase of a new pumping engine and ladder truck. The Fire Department formed an Apparatus Committee led by Captain Stone and comprised of firefighters John White, Arthur Keefe, David McRae, and Fred Chute. This committee conducted in-depth research on types and manufacturers of fire apparatus, visited communities that had received new apparatus to examine quality, and spent a considerable amount of time developing specifications. The Board of Selectmen awarded the contract to Pierce Manufacturing Inc. of Appleton, Wisconsin, based on the committee's recommendations. Delivery is expected sometime in mid-1999.

Personnel
The officers and firefighters of this department continue to donate many hours of their own time assisting the department and attending training courses in advanced fire fighting and medical techniques in order to perform their tasks in a more efficient manner. I would again like to recognize and thank all thirty-four of them for their contribution in making the Easton Fire and Rescue Department the professional and well

educated organization it is. As Fire Chief, I take great pride in the capabilities and accomplishments of our personnel who give so willingly of their time and talents for the people of Easton. I would also like to thank my Executive Assistant Lillian McGranachan, and all the Fire Officers and Firefighters of this department for the assistance they provided Deputy Chief McNeill and me throughout this past year.

Conclusions

In closing, I would also like to thank all of Easton's citizens, officials, boards, committees, and other town departments who have come to our assistance this past year. You may rest assure that we will continue to provide the best in both emergency and non-emergency services in the most efficient manner possible in the future.

I would like to end the 1998 report by reaffirming our Mission statement:

Mission Statement

"The Easton Fire and Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community."

"We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community."

"We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services and other related emergency and non-emergency activities."

"We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens."

"Always ready, proud to serve."

Respectfully submitted,
Phillip E. Blye, Chief

EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1998 ANNUAL REPORT
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To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report for the Year 1998.

Three of our police officers retired this year; Officer Joseph Fuller a thirty year veteran, David Kerr and Frederick Gladstone each twenty-five year veterans. Their presence over the years has made a significant difference with the welfare of our community. They were true professionals and we will all miss them. The good news is that they all have been appointed Special Police Officers and we will continue to utilize their services.

I am pleased to report that crime is continuing to decline in certain areas: Break & Entry Residences are down by 3, Break & Entry Businesses down by 11, Break & Entry Attempts down by 6, Larcenies under $250 are down significantly. Larceny of Motor Vehicles, Stolen Property and Larceny over $250 are also down. Disturbances are down by 51.

The crimes that have increased are Robberies, Assault & Battery/Weapons, Break and Entry Motor Vehicles and Sheds, Larceny of Motor Vehicles. Missing Persons, Run-Aways and Juvenile Offenses have increased. There was a large increase of 140 calls for Animal Complaints. Domestic Disturbance, Juvenile Offenses and Assault & Battery also have increased.

Traffic Accidents were down by 58. Fatalities went from 1 to 2. Personal Injury Accidents are down to 113, the lowest in well over six years. Part of the reason for this reduction is the increase in traffic citations issued which directly affects personal injury accidents.

Our department is continuing to apply for and receive State and Federal Grants. A special thanks to Sergeant John Lynn for coordinating our grant program.

State Byrne Grant for Bulletproof Vest	$ 2,152.00
State Community Oriented Policing Grant	$50,000.00
Two State Grants for our D.A.R.E. Program	$25,000.00
Federal Grant for Dispatchers	$42,000.00
Cops More Grant	$75,000.00
Copeland Fund Grant for D.A.R.E.	$ 5,000.00

With the Community Oriented Policing funds received, we are continuing our condo patrols and increasing the number of courses in self-defense offered to the women in our town. Officer Denise Papagno and Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik continue to do an excellent job with this program. Officer Denise Papagno also conducted two Safe Sitter courses.

We are continuing with our own home page on our worldwide Internet system (www.eastonpd.com). Officer Eric Lundberg, one of our computer experts, has been reassigned to work with the Attorney General on their High Tech Unit. He also continues doing a fine job with our Internet page. We have over 65 pages that involve all areas of our department. We are very proud of our home page and invite you to check it out.

We have continued conducting our Citizens Police Academy program. The program is presented by our Crime Prevention Officer Mark Ferretti and Detective Michael Fox. Officer Ferretti also has fifteen Neighborhood Watch groups. This program continues to be extremely effective.

Our D.A.R.E. program is changing. Officer George Allen has been trained as our new D.A.R.E. Officer for 1999. Officer Patrick Brophy completed the 1998 program with excellence. This year we also conducted a summer D.A.R.E. camp for the fourth year.

Deputy Allen Krajcik and Sergeant John Lynn are members of the Easton Dive Team and continue to both do an excellent job.

Our Safety Officer, Dwayne Farrell, has continued with the "55 Alive" program which is offered to our senior citizens to review motor vehicle safety. Our TRIAD program for seniors continues to progress in a successful manner. We organized several cookouts, a Christmas party and a tour of Dartmouth Prison and have regular walking sessions for the seniors. We have one senior citizen doing volunteer work here on a regular basis. A special thanks to Elizabeth Verity for her assistance. Officer Dwayne Farrell also is in charge of our Intern program. This year we had two, one from Stonehill College and one from Wheaton College.

Patrol Officer William Domenicucci has been continuing our local TV show called "Code Seven". This has been an excellent tool for getting information out to the general public. His technique of utilizing humor to put the message across is working as intended.

This year the rank structure has changed with the appointment of Officer Mark Ferretti to the rank of Sergeant. He will be a significant aid to the management of our department. Officer Robert Grinham has been appointed our Court Officer and is doing an excellent job. We have appointed four Officers, Kenneth Harris, Carolyn Webber, James Baroud, and Beverley McRoberts. We also hired a new dispatcher Donna Eldehni. We look forward to having them join our team.

Thanks to donations from the general public and businesses we purchased and trained our first canine, Rando, a Czechoslovakian German Shepherd. Officer Patrick Taylor has been appointed our Canine Officer and runs this important program.

Our Community Oriented Policing philosophy has continued to make a difference in the way crime and problem solving is conducted. This is evident by the increase in the number of incidents which are now 15,466, up over 308 from last year.

It is a pleasure to manage a department with employees who are optimistic and have professional attitudes regardless of the pressures they face on a daily basis.

A special thanks to the citizens of Easton and the many organizations and other departments that have assisted us.

Make sure you set a good example for your children by not smoking and controlling your consumption of alcohol if you drink.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Easton Police Department is to protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all of our citizens. This can be achieved by working in harmony with the community we serve, committed to the conviction that by working together our community has the ability to form its own destiny."

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stanley P. Bates

1998 STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS ----- 15,466

E 9-1-1 CALL VOLUME

Total Primary Calls Answered	4,375

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	2
Attempted Suicides	4
Rapes	3
Robberies	5
Assault & Battery/Weapons	10
Assault & Battery	35

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAK & ENTRIES

B & E Residence	46
B & E Motor Vehicle or Shed	97
B & E Business	25
B & E Attempts	18

LARCENIES

Larcenies over $250	79
Larcenies under $250	132
Larceny Attempts	5
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	38
Larceny of Motor Vehicle Attempts	1
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	22
Shoplifting	12
Stolen Property	15

ARRESTS	318
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs	35
Protective Custody	34

MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

Domestic Disturbance	142
Disturbance	140
Disturbing the Peace	0
Disorderly Persons	7
Noise Complaints	193
General Service	1,221
Missing Persons	30
Runaways	12
Vandalism	264
Alarms	2,160
Fire Alarms	191
Annoying Phone Calls	133
Animal Complaints	724
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	321
Hunter Complaints	6
Juvenile Offenses	91

ACCIDENTS	593
Fatal Accidents	2
Property Damage Accidents	478
Personal Injury Accidents	113

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Citations	2,375
Pistol Permits Issued	128
Firearms I.D. Cards Issued	33

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Our Animal Control program has been conducted by our two part-time Animal Control Officers for just over two years. Elizabeth DeRosa has been a great assistance to our team and with her assistance we have been able to deal with the increase demand for services. We are continuing to provide more than adequate services because of the great cooperation between the Police Department and our department. We continue actively purging unlicensed dogs. By licensing our dogs we are assured that dogs are properly vaccinated for rabies. By having identification tags, dogs or cats hit by vehicles or lost can be properly identified. In the event a person is bitten or scratched, needed information is readily available.

Twenty-one animals were sent to state lab for rabies examinations; four raccoons, five skunks, three squirrels, four cats, two foxes, two bats, and one opossum. Of these three skunks, two raccoons, and one fox tested positive. Therefore, Easton is still classified as a rabid Town, All bites and scratches by domestic and wildlife should be taken seriously, and medical attention sought immediately. We will continue to monitor for rabies, keeping the public informed.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

Calls received	2630
Complaints	1157
General Information	1331
Missing Animals	142
Dogs picked up	72
Dead Animals	215

Sixty-one dogs were returned to their owners or adopted. Four dogs were turned over to rescue leagues. Thirteen cats were turned over to the M.S.P.C.A. One dog was euthanized. Every possible attempt is made to find homes for unwanted animals. Six dogs were left in our kennel.

We are continuing to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs with hearings held at the Police station.
This is part of the Police Department's efforts to reach out to the community, using a Community Oriented Policing philosophy. Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik and I have conducted numerous hearings at the Police station. These hearings involve unlicensed, unleashed dogs, dog bites and nuisance complaints. Together we have solved many complaints, saving the Selectmen and our courts valuable time. This also saves our citizens from going to Taunton District Court and missing work. These hearings have been a great success, reducing my appearances in court and raising revenue from uncollected dog license fees. I appeared in Taunton District Court with nine cases.

We would like to thank the owners of animals who are in compliance with the license and leash laws.

DEAD ANIMALS

Dogs	14
Cats	44
Raccoons	32
Woodchucks	4
Opossums	17
Squirrels	14
Skunks	22
Birds	4
Foxes	9
Deer	37
Rabbits	2
Ducks	3
Turtle	5
Coyotes	3
Bats	2
Turkey	1
Goose	1
Iguana	1

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin
Animal Control Officer

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF SELF HELP INCORPORATED

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON

During the program year ending September 30, 1998, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $11.7M and provided direct services to 13,967 limited income households in the area.

In the Town of Easton Self Help Inc. provided services totaling $201,422 to 160 households during program year 1998.

The total funding of $11,737,921 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional $2,276,402 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of Self Help Inc., during the past program year was $14,014,323.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 255 individuals, many of whom are of limited income, minorities, and who reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges with which we were faced.

We thank all the volunteers, the Boards of Selectmen, representatives of the limited income sector, and all the representatives of the private sector, for helping to make Fiscal Year 1998 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Administrative Assistant

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1998

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 13th day of April, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

The 273rd Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard C. Dailey at 7:26 p.m. with quorum present. A motion was made and voted to recess the Annual Town Meeting to the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting. (See Separate report for the Special Town Meeting.) The Annual Town Meeting was reopened at 9:18 p.m.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector/Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 1999, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 3. To appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State pursuant to Ch. 113 of the Acts of 1996 the sum of $453,659 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $15,000 for engineering design work related to said construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, and to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $453,659 RECEIVED FROM A STATE GRANT PURSUANT TO CH. 113 OF THE ACTS OF 1996 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS AND FURTHER TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $15,000 FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK RELATED TO SAID CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C.44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Building Department to establish a revolving fund for Fiscal 1999, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from Plumbing Permits to be known as the "Plumbing Inspector Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to the Plumbing Inspector of the Town of Easton, by the Building Inspector, with said fees to be expended for the salary and expenses of the Plumbing Inspector, and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and with said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended only for the purpose of paying the salary and expenses of the Plumbing and Gas Inspectors who are appointed by the Town Administrator.
2. Only fees received from Plumbing and Gas Permits shall be deposited in said account;

3. The Building Department shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from the Fiscal 1999, "Plumbing and Gas Inspectors Account", shall not exceed the total receipts from fees received by the Building Department;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'99 is $35,000,

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. C.44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 1999, WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER MONIES FOR THE TOWN, TO WHICH SHALL BE CREDITED ONLY DEPARTMENTAL FEES FROM PLUMBING PERMITS TO BE KNOWN AS THE "PLUMBING INSPECTOR ACCOUNT", AND FUNDS FROM SAID ACCOUNT MAY BE PAID OUT TO THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR, WITH SAID FEES TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SAID AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE REVOLVING FUND MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTORS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.
2. ONLY FEES RECEIVED FROM PLUMBING AND GAS PERMITS SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SAID ACCOUNT;
3. THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT SHALL BE THE ONLY BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;
4. THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM THE FISCAL 1999, "PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTORS ACCOUNT", SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM FEES RECEIVED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT;
5. THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY'99 IS $35,000,

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend a sum of money from the Special Revenue Fund known as the "F.B. Wetlands Protection Fund (16-3260)", those sums collected pursuant to Chapter 287, Section 54, of the Acts of 1989, which provides that the Town's share of the Notice of Intent Filing Fees under the Wetlands Protection Act shall be expended solely for the performance of its duties associated with administering the Act, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission) ***DISMISSED***.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1999, known as the "Filing Fee and Professional Service Conservation Account", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and determinations, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Commission for engineering, legal and other such consultant services deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without further appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for engineering and other such consultant services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;
2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Applications for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;

4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1999, "Filing Fee and Professional Service Conservation Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Conservation Commission, from Applicants for Conservation Permits, or Applicants for "Requests for Determination", during said Fiscal 1999 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years and
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY 1999 is $25,000.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

***VOTED** TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CH. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 1999, KNOWN AS THE "FILING FEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONSERVATION ACCOUNT", WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER MONIES OF THE TOWN AND TO WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED DEPARTMENTAL FEES AND DETERMINATIONS, TO PAY FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION FOR ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND OTHER SUCH CONSULTANT SERVICES DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COMMISSION TO AID IT IN MAKING ITS DECISIONS ON SUCH APPLICATIONS, OR IN ENFORCEMENT CASES WHERE SUCH APPLICATIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN LEGALLY FILED, OR FOR OTHER SUCH ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO, WITH SAID DEPARTMENTAL FEES AND RECEIPTS TO BE EXPENDED WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:*

1. THE REVOLVING FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR ENGINEERING AND OTHER SUCH CONSULTANT SERVICES, AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO, AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COMMISSION TO AID IT IN MAKING ITS DECISIONS ON SUCH CONSERVATION APPLICATIONS, OR ON NECESSARY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS;
2. ONLY FEES AND RECEIPTS RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS FOR CONSERVATION PERMITS, OR APPLICATIONS FOR "REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION", SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SUCH ACCOUNT;
3. THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION SHALL BE THE ONLY TOWN BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;
4. THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM FISCAL 1999, "FILING FEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONSERVATION ACCOUNT", SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES AND RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, FROM APPLICANTS FOR CONSERVATION PERMITS, OR APPLICANTS FOR "REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION", DURING SAID FISCAL 1999 AND THE SUMS REMAINING IN SAID ACCOUNT FROM OTHER FISCAL YEARS AND
5. THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY 1999 IS $25,000.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1999 known as the "Subdivision Inspection Fees Account", which shall be accounted for separate from all other monies of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received from applicants for subdivision approval for inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without further appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative costs, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of inspections during construction;
2. Only fees received from applicants for inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Planning & Zoning board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1999 "Subdivision Inspection Fees", shall not exceed the total fees received by the Planning & Zoning Board from applicants for subdivision inspections during said Fiscal 1999 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years.
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY99 is $25,000.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED *TO AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. C. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 1999 KNOWN AS THE "SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES ACCOUNT", WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHER MONIES OF THE TOWN, AND TO WHICH ARE TO BE DEPOSITED FEES RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS FOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL FOR INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION, TO PAY FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR EXPERT ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO, AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD WITH SAID FEES TO BE EXPENDED WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:*

1. THE REVOLVING FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE SERVICES OF EXPERT ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS, AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD TO PAY FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION;
2. ONLY FEES RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS FOR INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SUCH ACCOUNT;
3. THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD SHALL BE THE ONLY TOWN BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;
4. THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM FISCAL 1999 "SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES", SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES RECEIVED BY THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD FROM APPLICANTS FOR SUBDIVISION INSPECTIONS DURING SAID FISCAL 1999 AND THE SUMS REMAINING IN SAID ACCOUNT FROM OTHER FISCAL YEARS.
5. THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY99 IS $25,000.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1999, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees for witnessing observation holes, percolation tests and other related duties for approval of on-site septic system designs and installations within the Town of Easton to be known as the "On-Site Septic Service Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to any qualified professional, approved by the Board of Health without further appropriation, and with said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended for the purpose of paying for services related to witnessing observation holes, percolation tests and other related duties for approval of on-site septic system designs and installations approved by the Board of Health;
2. Only fees received for work related to septic system design, approval and/or soil exploration shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1999, "On-Site Septic Service Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Board of Health, from Board of Health service fees during Fiscal 1999;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'99 is $40,000,

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Health)

VOTED *TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF HEALTH, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF HEALTH TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 1999, WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER MONIES OF THE TOWN, TO WHICH SHALL BE CREDITED ONLY DEPARTMENTAL FEES FOR WITNESSING OBSERVATION HOLES, PERCOLATION TESTS AND OTHER RELATED DUTIES FOR APPROVAL OF ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGNS AND INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTON TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ON-SITE SEPTIC SERVICE ACCOUNT", AND FUNDS FROM SAID ACCOUNT MAY BE PAID OUT TO ANY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL, APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SAID AUTHORIZATION TO BE*

MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE REVOLVING FUND MAY BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR SERVICES RELATED TO WITNESSING OBSERVATION HOLES, PERCOLATION TESTS AND OTHER RELATED DUTIES FOR APPROVAL OF ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGNS AND INSTALLATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH;
2. ONLY FEES RECEIVED FOR WORK RELATED TO SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGN, APPROVAL AND/OR SOIL EXPLORATION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SAID ACCOUNT;
3. THE BOARD OF HEALTH SHALL BE THE ONLY BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;
4. THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM FISCAL 1999, "ON-SITE SEPTIC SERVICE ACCOUNT", SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES AND RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH, FROM BOARD OF HEALTH SERVICE FEES DURING FISCAL 1999;
5. THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY'99 IS $40,000,

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 1998 budget, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $129,750 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING EXISTING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1998 BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:*

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - SPED -	*$ 86,000*
TOWN COUNSEL -	*$ 20,000*
DATA PROCESSING -	*$ 23,750*
TOTAL:	*$129,750*

ARTICLE 10. To see if The Town will vote to accept The following changes to Town Clerk Fees as authorized by MGL Chapter 262, Section 34, Clauses 1-79:

Clause	Description	Existing	Proposed
(1)	For filing and indexing assignment for the benefit of creditors	$10.00	$ 15.00
(11)	For entering amendment of a record of the birth of a child born out of wedlock subsequently legitimized.	10.00	15.00
(12)	For correcting errors in a record of birth.	10.00	15.00
(13)	For furnishing certificate of birth.	5.00	6.00
(13A)	For furnishing an abstract copy of a record of birth.	4.00	5.00
(14)	For entering delayed record of birth.	10.00	15.00
(20)	For filing certificate of a person conducting business under any title other than his real name.	20.00	25.00
(21)	For filing by a person conducting business under any title other than his real name of a statement of change of his residence, or of his discontinuance, retirement or withdrawal from, or change of location of such business.	10.00	15.00
(22)	For furnishing certified copy of certificate of person conducting business under any title other than his real name or a statement by such person of his discontinuance, retirement or withdrawal from such business.	5.00	10.00
(24)	For recording the name and address, the date and number of the certificate issued to a person		

	registered for the practice of podiatry in the Commonwealth.	20.00	25.00
(29)	For correcting errors in a record of death.	10.00	15.00
(30)	For furnishing a certificate of death.	5.00	6.00
(30A)	For furnishing an abstract copy of a record of death	4.00	5.00
(42)	For entering notice of intention of marriage and issuing certificates thereof.	15.00	20.00
(43)	For entering certificate of marriage filed by person married out of the Commonwealth.	5.00	10.00
(44)	For issuing certificate of marriage.	5.00	6.00
(44A)	For issuing an abstract copy of a record of marriage.	4.00	5.00
(45)	For correcting errors in a record of marriage.	10.00	15.00
(54)	For recording power of attorney.	10.00	15.00
(57)	For recording certificate of registration granted to a person to engage in the practice of optometry, or issuing a certified copy thereof.	20.00	25.00
(58)	For recording the name of the owner of a certificate of registration as a physician or as an osteopath in the Commonwealth.	20.00	25.00
(62)	For recording order granting location of poles, piers, abutments or conduits, alterations or transfers thereof, and increase in number of wires and cable or attachments under the provision of Sec. 22 of Chapter 166.	40.00	50.00
(66)	For examining records or papers relating to birth, marriage or deaths upon the application of any person, the actual expense thereof but not less than	5.00	10.00
(67)	For copying any manuscript or record pertaining to a birth, marriage or death.	5.00/Page	6.00
(69)	For receiving and filing a complete inventory of all items to be included in a "closing out sale" etc.	10.00 1st Page 2.00 Add'l Page	15.00 3.00
(75)	For filing a copy of written instrument or declaration of trust by trustees of an association or trust, or any amendment thereof as provided by Sec. 2 Chap. 182	20.00	25.00
(78)	For recording deed or lot or plot in a public burial place or cemetery.	10.00	15.00
(79)	Recording any other documents.	10.00 1st page 2.00 add'l	15.00 3.00
	Voter's Certificate	5.00	6.00

All fees to be effective July 1, 1998,
or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO ADOPT A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AS LISTED IN THE WARRANT UNDER THE "PROPOSED" COLUMN, WITH ALL NEW FEES TO BE EFFECTIVE 7/1/98.*

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file legislation which would allow the establishment of a fund to pay future costs of retired employee's health insurance, and further that monies deposited into this fund by majority vote of the Town Meeting be carried-over between fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED *TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FILE LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND TO PAY FUTURE COSTS OF RETIRED EMPLOYEE'S HEALTH INSURANCE, AND FURTHER THAT MONIES DEPOSITED INTO THIS FUND BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING BE CARRIED-OVER BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS.*

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file legislation which would allow the establishment of a fund to pay future costs of employee's sick-leave buy-back as determined by labor contract or by-law, and further that monies deposited into this fund by majority vote of the Town Meeting be carried-over between fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED *TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FILE LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND TO PAY FUTURE COSTS OF EMPLOYEE'S SICK-LEAVE BUY-BACK AS DETERMINED BY LABOR CONTRACT OR BY-LAW, AND FURTHER THAT MONIES DEPOSITED INTO THIS FUND BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING BE CARRIED-OVER BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS.*

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting for and in behalf of the Town, to sell or lease land owned by the Town, which is under the care, custody, management and control of the Board of Selectmen, or its Department of Public Works, or Water Division, to Telecommunications Companies for the construction of Wireless Communication Towers (including antennas, if any) for the purpose of furnishing "Wireless Communications Services" providing the following types of services: cellular telephone service, personal communications, and extended specialized mobile radio service, and if necessary to petition the General Court to enact special legislation to authorize the taking of any such action, or to take any other action thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED *TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, ACTING FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE TOWN, TO LEASE LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN, WHICH IS UNDER THE CARE, CUSTODY, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR ITS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OR WATER DIVISION, TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS (INCLUDING ANTENNAS, IF ANY) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURNISHING "WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES" PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF SERVICES: CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE, PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS, AND EXTENDED SPECIALIZED MOBILE RADIO SERVICE, AND THAT APPROVAL OF SUCH TOWERS BE SUBJECT TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING REQUIREMENTS, AND IF NECESSARY TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT TO ENACT SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAKING OF ANY SUCH ACTION.*

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Study Committee to investigate the feasibility of municipal sewering within the Town of Easton. The members of the Study Committee shall include, but not be limited to; one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Board of Health, one member of the Conservation Commission, one member of the Planning and Zoning Board, and one citizen at large. Membership of the Committee to be determined by joint session of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health, or to take any other action relative thereto (Submitted by Board of Health)

VOTED *TO ESTABLISH A WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TO INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVES FOR WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT IN EASTON AND FURTHER TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMITTEE CHARGE, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP WILL BE DETERMINED BY JOINT SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH.*

(An amendment to delete "will be determined by joint session of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health" and add "but not limited to; one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Board of Health, one member of the Conservation Commission, one member of the Planning and Zoning Board, and one citizen at large" was not a vote. An amendment to the amendment to change the one member at large to a Finance Committee member and four at large members was not a vote. A motion to commit the Article to the Board of Health to report at the next town meeting was not a vote.)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Pension Reserve Fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 5D or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under Chapter 40 Section 5 of the Mass. General laws for use by the Conservation Commission in accordance with said General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $32,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 40 SECTION 5 CLAUSE 5 OF THE MASS. GENERAL LAWS FOR USE BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID GENERAL LAWS

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding wage increases and the cost of other benefits, negotiated between the Town and Local 144 International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO for fiscal years 1997, 1998 and 1999, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs through the Department of Environmental Management for the purpose of making repairs to the Rockery and for studies and engineering related thereto, with the total grant amount being $64,000, of which $20,000 will be awarded in the current fiscal year (FY'98) and $44,000 will be awarded in fiscal 1999, and further to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $26,970 as the Town's matching funds as required by the grant award, and further that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of $64,000 in anticipation of the receipt of State grant funds pursuant to the provisions of mass. General Law Ch. 44, Sec. 6A, and further that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to enter into contracts to accept grant funding provided under the Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program, as authorized by the Acts and Resolves of 1996, Ch. 15, Sec. 32 and by the Acts and Resolves of 1987 Ch. 564, Sec. 2, for the purpose of reimbursing the Town for the cost of making repairs to the Rockery and for studies and engineering related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REPAIRS TO THE ROCKERY AND FOR STUDIES AND ENGINEERING RELATED THERETO, WITH THE TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT BEING $64,000, OF WHICH $20,000 WILL BE AWARDED IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (FY'98) AND $44,000 WILL BE AWARDED IN FISCAL 1999, AND FURTHER TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF $26,970 AS THE TOWN'S MATCHING FUNDS AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT AWARD, AND FURTHER THAT THE TOWN TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO BORROW THE SUM OF $64,000 IN

ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF STATE GRANT FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF MASS. GENERAL LAW CH. 44, SEC. 6A, AND FURTHER THAT THE SELECTMEN BE AND ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ACTS AND RESOLVES OF 1996, CH. 15, SEC. 32 AND BY THE ACTS AND RESOLVES OF 1987 CH. 564, SEC. 2, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE TOWN FOR THE COST OF MAKING REPAIRS TO THE ROCKERY AND FOR STUDIES AND ENGINEERING RELATED THERETO. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be utilized as matching funds for a grant received from the Department of Environmental Management, Lake and Pond Grant Program, said grant and matching funds to be used to fund a study of Fly-Away Pond, and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow funds in anticipation of the receipt of state grant funds, pursuant to the provisions of Mass. General Law Ch. 44, Sec. 6A, and further to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts to accept grant funding, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Fly Away Pond Committee)

VOTED *TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $10,000 TO BE UTILIZED AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR A GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, LAKE AND POND GRANT PROGRAM, SAID GRANT AND MATCHING FUNDS TO BE USED TO FUND A STUDY OF FLY-AWAY POND, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TREASURER TO BORROW FUNDS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF STATE GRANT FUNDS, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF MASS. GENERAL LAW CH. 44, SEC. 6A, AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING.*

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to indemnify Edward C. Jacobson, Superintendent of Streets, for legal expenses incurred in defending himself against unjust charges brought before the State Ethics Commission, resulting in a finding of "No reasonable cause to believe", or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

(Moderator Dailey recused himself on this article. Deputy Moderator John Creedon took over the Podium.)

VOTED *TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $4,325 TO PAY FOR LEGAL FEES INCURRED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS IN DEFENDING HIMSELF AGAINST UNJUST CHARGES BROUGHT BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, RESULTING IN A FINDING OF "NO REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE".*

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of having the Easton Assessor's maps digitized, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Assessors)

DISMISSED. *(It was voted to* ***TABLE*** *article 23 until after article 60 has been voted.)*

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of purchasing furniture and carpeting for the office of the Board of Assessors, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Assessors)

VOTED *TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $8,700 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING FURNITURE AND CARPETING FOR THE ASSESSORS OFFICE.*

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from water surplus the sum of $4,645.16 to reimburse Town employee Shirley Tufts the cost of certain payroll errors, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $4,646. TO REIMBURSE TOWN EMPLOYEE SHIRLEY TUFTS THE COST OF CERTAIN PAYROLL ERRORS.
VOTED.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Police Detail Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $10,000 TO SUPPLEMENT THE POLICE DETAIL FUND.*

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay the costs of conducting a recognition and awards program for Town employees, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $6,500 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A RECOGNITION AND AWARDS PROGRAM FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES.*

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be used to pay the cost of conducting a local art competition, with said competition to be conducted and administered by the Easton Cultural Council, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $1,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL ART COMPETITION WITH SAID COMPETITION TO BE CONDUCTED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE EASTON CULTURAL COUNCIL.*

During discussion of Article 28, the quorum was questioned. Deputy Moderator Creedon determined that a quorum was present. Moderator Dailey returned to the Podium.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of sick-leave buy-back amounts, for employees retiring during FY'99, as well as other costs required to be paid at retirement by collective bargaining contract or by-law, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $10,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF PROVIDING SICK-LEAVE BUY-BACK BENEFITS TO TOWN EMPLOYEES RETIRING IN FISCAL YEAR '99.*

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to rescind a part of the authorization to sell bonds to cap the Landfill in the amount of $1,000,000 approved under Article 12 of the April 15, 1987 Annual Town Meeting, with the amount to be rescinded being $130,000, this authorization no longer being necessary as the project was completed for the lesser cost of $870,000, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*VOTED TO RESCIND A PART OF THE AUTHORIZATION TO SELL BONDS TO CAP THE LANDFILL IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,000,000 APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE APRIL 15, 1987 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, WITH THE AMOUNT TO BE RESCINDED BEING $130,000, THIS AUTHORIZATION NO LONGER BEING NECESSARY AS THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED FOR THE LESSER COST OF $870,000. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to rescind a part of the authorization to sell bonds for the rehabilitation of well #2 in the amount of $450,000, approved under Article 40 of the April 14, 1992 Annual Town Meeting, with the amount to be rescinded being $75,000, this authorization no longer being necessary as the project was completed for the lesser cost of $375,000, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO RESCIND A PART OF THE AUTHORIZATION TO SELL BONDS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WELL #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF $450,000, APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE APRIL 14, 1992 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, WITH THE AMOUNT TO BE RESCINDED BEING $75,000, THIS AUTHORIZATION NO LONGER BEING NECESSARY AS THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED FOR THE LESSER COST OF $375,000. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

At 10:55 p.m. it was VOTED to Adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium. Total voters present - 862.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 1998

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, April 13, 1998 was duly adjourned to:

TUESDSAY, APRIL 14 at SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium, to see what action the town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 32 - 61, inclusive

and any and all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ADOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1998

At 7:45 p.m., there being no quorum present, it was moved and voted to Recess the Annual Town Meeting until May 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium. Total present - 144.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Wednsday, April 15, 1998

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, April 13, 1998 was duly adjourned to Tuesday, April 14, 1998 and further adjourned to:

MONDAY, MAY 11 at SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium, to see what action the town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 32 - 61, inclusive

and any and all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 1998

Moderator Richard C. Dailey called the 2nd session of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. with Quorum present. Robert Berg, Library Trustee, and Dan Pugatch, Microphone Carrier, were voted admittance to the hall.

Deputy Moderator John F. Creedon took over the podium during discussion of Article 32.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of moving and installing certain alarm, telephone and radio equipment at the Easton Fire and Police Stations, as well as the cost of repairs and improvements to overhead doors, access doors, intercoms, as well as the costs of any engineering or consulting services, all to facilitate the implementation of joint civilian dispatch services at the Easton Fire and Police Departments or, to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $56,520 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF MOVING AND INSTALLING CERTAIN ALARM, TELEPHONE AND RADIO EQUIPMENT AT THE EASTON FIRE AND POLICE STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE COST OF REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO OVERHEAD DOORS, ACCESS DOORS, INTERCOMS, AS WELL AS THE COSTS OF ANY ENGINEERING OR CONSULTING SERVICES, ALL TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT CIVILIAN DISPATCH SERVICES AT THE EASTON FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.*

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

Chairman of the Selectmen, William D. Hardin, read a letter from Stonehill College as follows (in part):

> *With this letter, I am pleased to announce a gift in the amount of $20,000 from the College to the people of Easton. If the gift could be divided in four ways, we would be most grateful. We suggest the following arrangement -- $8,000 for the Easton Public School System, $5,000 for the Easton Public Library and $3,000 for Easton's Council on Aging. As for the remaining $4,000, we would like it shared between the Problem Solving Team, the Domestic Violence Program, the Town's Strategic Planning Effort, and the Recreation Department. If, however, the Town feels that the gift could be better directed towards more pressing areas of need, we would respect that decision.*
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> *(Fr.) Bartley MacPhaidin, C.S.C.*
> *President*

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Fire Department ladder truck and a pumper truck; to determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; to determine whether the Selectmen and Treasurer shall be authorized to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for a period not to exceed five (5) years in connection with such purchase, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

*VOTED THAT $675,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT LADDER TRUCK AND A PUMPER TRUCK, THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $675,000 UNDER G.L. C. 44, SEC. 7(9); AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $55,000 to pay on-going costs of cleaning-up a gasoline spill at the Police/fire Station on Lothrop Street and for necessary engineering and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

__VOTED__ TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $55,000 TO PAY ON-GOING COSTS OF CLEANING-UP A GASOLINE SPILL AT THE POLICE/FIRE STATION ON LOTHROP STREET AND FOR NECESSARY ENGINEERING AND RELATED EXPENSES

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of making repairs to existing Town buildings, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Plan. Comm/Town Adm.)

VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $368,988 AND TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $98,012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REPAIRS TO EXISTING TOWN BUILDINGS. __UNANIMOUS VOTE.__

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the following sums of money for the departments and purposes noted:

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	
A. DPW		
1. DUMP TRUCK/SANDER	66,000	
2. PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION	80,000	
3. 1-TON DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW	30,000	
4. 4 X 4 PICKUP WITH PLOW	23,000	
5. COMPRESSOR	11,000	
SUB-TOTAL		$210,000
B. SCHOOL		
1. MEOL TECHNOLOGY PLAN	$140,000	
SUB-TOTAL		$140,000
C. POLICE		
1. MARKED CRUISERS	$ 91,350	
SUB-TOTAL		$ 91,350
D. DATA PROCESSING	$ 15,000	
SUB-TOTAL		$ 15,000
TOTAL:		$456,350

(See Capital Planning Committee Ranking - FY'99 at end of Warrant) (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $372,350 OF WHICH $272,350 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH AND $100,000 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS FOR THE PURPOSES LISTED BELOW.

DPW - DUMP TRUCK/SANDER	*$ 66,000*
DPW - PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION	*$ 60,000*
SCHOOL - MEOL TECHNOLOGY PLAN	*$ 140,000*
POLICE - MARKED CRUISERS	*$ 91,350*
DATA PROCESSING	*$ 15,000*
TOTAL:	*$ 372,350*

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the following sums of money for the purposes noted:

A. DPW - WATER DIVISION	
1. 12-INCH WATER MAIN - TURNPIKE STREET	$120,000
2. PICK-UP TRUCK	17,500
3. PANEL TRUCK	18,000
4. 12-INCH WATER MAIN - RT. 106 EAST OF RT. 138	150,000
TOTAL	$305,500

(Submitted by Capital Plan. Comm./Town Adm.)

***VOTED** TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $305,500 FOR THE PURPOSES NOTED BELOW:*

A. DPW - WATER DIVISION		
1. 12-INCH WATER MAIN - TURNPIKE STREET	*$120,000*	
2. PICK-UP TRUCK		*17,500*
3. PANEL TRUCK		*18,000*
4. 12-INCH WATER MAIN - RT. 106 EAST OF RT. 138		*150,000*
TOTAL		*$305,500*

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Ch. 44 a sum of money to pay for the costs of closing and capping the Easton Sanitary Landfill, as well as any appurtenances related thereto, and for all engineering, geotechnical, legal and related consulting services, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Plan. Comm./Town Adm.) ***DISMISSED***

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Ch. 44, a sum of money to pay for installing water filtration works and for related appurtenances at the Wheaton Farm Wellfield and for all engineering, legal and related consulting services, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Plan. Comm./Town Adm.)

*VOTED THAT $1,000,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR INSTALLING WATER FILTRATION WORKS AND FOR RELATED APPURTENANCES AT THE WHEATON FARM WELLFIELD, INCLUDING ALL ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND RELATED CONSULTING SERVICES; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $1,000,000 UNDER G.L. C. 44, SEC. 8; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by borrowing, a sum of money for a Capital Improvements Program for the design, construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, addition to, and alteration of Town buildings and properties. The Capital Improvements Program shall be as generally described in the report of the Town of Easton Public Facilities Study Committee dated March, 1995, and shall be established and administered by the Town of Easton Municipal Building Committee. The Program and budget for each year shall be recommended by the Town of Easton Municipal Building Committee and shall be approved by Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.
(Submitted by Public Facilities Study Comm.) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 42 To see if the Town will vote to approve the following FY'99 Capital Improvements Program, and to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer, or appropriate by borrowing, a sum of money for the FY'99 Capital Improvements Program.

TOWN OF EASTON FY'99 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
EASTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	
Upgrade Fire Alarm	$120,000
Upgrade Emergency & Exit Lights	20,000
Upgrade Electrical/Lighting System	300,000
Upgrade HVAC Controls	100,000
Repair Walls Rooms 18 & 205	100,000
Replace & Abate Ceilings	480,000
ADA Upgrades	300,000
A & E FEES, PM, Contingency	275,000
PARKVIEW SCHOOL	
Upgrade Fire Alarm	$ 51,000
Upgrade Emergency & Exit Lights	15,000
Upgrade Electrical & Lighting	100,000
Install Ceiling Fans in Multi. Rooms	5,000
Upgrade Telephone & CATV	50,000
Upgrade HVAC Controls	50,000
A & E Fees, PM, Contingency	67,750
TOTAL FY'99	$2,013,750

(Submitted by Public Facilities Study Comm.) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the position of Facilities Manager for the purpose of overseeing the operation and maintenance of all Town buildings and properties included in the Capital Improvements Program, and other properties under Town control as deemed necessary. The Facilities Manager shall implement and manage the annual Capital Improvements Program, and shall coordinate with the Town of Easton Municipal Building Committee. Facilities Manager shall be appointed, as recommended by the Town Administrator , and to raise and appropriate the sum of $70,000 to pay the salary for this position, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Public Facilities Study Comm.) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to establish the Town of Easton Municipal Building Committee. The Municipal Building Committee shall replace the Continuing School Building and School site Committee appointed under authority of Article 25 of the March 15, 1965 Annual Town Meeting. The Town of Easton Municipal Building Committee shall have the following composition, powers and duties:

TOWN OF EASTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Composition, Term of Office

There shall be established a Municipal Building Committee to be comprised of seven (7) members reporting to the Board of Selectmen. There shall be six (6) members at large, having demonstrated professional and technical experience in public building planning and construction, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three year terms such that the term of appointment of two members shall expire each year, and one (1) member of the School Committee.

Powers and Duties

The Municipal Building Committee shall be responsible for all existing and proposed Town-owned buildings, and other facilities as may be directed by the Town, and shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Approve and oversee the planning, design and construction of alteration, expansion, repair, replacement or demolition of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Committee
2. Approve and recommend sites for new facilities under the jurisdiction of the Committee
3. Maintain an inventory of Town buildings and a list of capital improvements for each building

4. Provide (1) a list of recommended improvements to Town buildings for inclusion in the annual Capital Improvements Program and (2) a comprehensive Capital Improvements Program for Town buildings. Meet with the Town Administrator and Facilities Manager as appropriate to assist in the development and implementation of the Capital Improvements Program.
5. Assist the Facilities Manager with the development of an annual maintenance plan for each Town building and a five year maintenance plan for all Town buildings.
6. Assist with the preparation of any documentation for applicable grants and loans available for projects under the jurisdiction of the Committee.
7. Prepare Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's), Requests for Proposals (RFP's) and agreements as the Committee deems appropriate for architectural, engineering, management and other professional or special services required for projects under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Review submitted and accepted RFQ/RFP responses and provide the Board of Selectmen with a recommended selection. Prepare agreements for these services for approval and execution by the Board of Selectmen.
8. Prepare Requests for Statements of Interest (RSI's), RFQ's, and RFP's as the Committee deems appropriate for the sale, reuse, demolition or lease of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Review submitted and accepted responses and provide the Board of Selectmen with a recommended selection.
9. Review and approve contract documents (plans and specifications), cost estimates and schedules for projects under the jurisdiction of the Committee.
10. Advise the Board of Selectmen on the acceptance of construction bids, change orders and payment requisitions for projects under the jurisdiction of the Committee.
11. Meet monthly to conduct business that may come before the Committee.
12. Prepare job descriptions and advertisements for construction management personnel to be hired by the Town for projects under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Review responses to advertisements and provide the Board of Selectmen with a recommended candidate(s). (Submitted by Public Facilities Study Comm.)

***VOTED TO COMMIT** ARTICLE 44 TO THE PUBLIC FACILITIES STUDY COMMITTEE, WITH DIRECTION TO DISCUSS THE CONCEPT WITH ALL EFFECTED PARTIES AND TO REQUIRE A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE TOWN MEETING.*

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town by deleting "Article 18, Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances in Buildings", in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO AMEND THE GENERAL BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN BY DELETING "ARTICLE 18, INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING AND GAS APPLIANCES IN BUILDINGS", IN ITS ENTIRETY*

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept and approve the codification of by-laws of the Town of Easton in the format presented by General Code Publishers Corp., which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said codification contained in a renumbering, recaptioning and repositioning of the present by-laws with no substantive changes. Such codification of the by-laws, along with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Health, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning & Zoning Board, Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission, or any other board or department whose regulations appear in said codification, shall be known as the "Code of the Town of Easton", or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE CODIFICATION OF BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON IN THE FORMAT PRESENTED BY GENERAL CODE PUBLISHERS CORP., WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK, SAID CODIFICATION CONTAINED IN A RENUMBERING, RECAPTIONING AND REPOSITIONING OF THE PRESENT BY-LAWS WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. SUCH CODIFICATION OF THE BY-LAWS, ALONG WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, PLANNING & ZONING BOARD, BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, OR ANY OTHER BOARD OR DEPARTMENT WHOSE REGULATIONS APPEAR IN SAID CODIFICATION, SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON".*

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Code of the Town of Easton, Division 2 By-Laws, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 202 Streets and Sidewalks, Article II Street Regulations", by striking it in its entirety and substituting therefore a new "Article II Street Opening", as follows:

"STREET OPENING

I. INTRODUCTION

From time to time, it is necessary to excavate in a Public Way in order, for example, to install, repair, or remove utilities or install or realign a driveway including the possible removal or re-alignment of curbing and/or fencing. Excluded from the operation of this By-Law is the general reconstruction or repair of Public Ways by the municipal or state agency responsible for the maintenance and repair of such Public Ways. This Street Opening By-Law is necessary to protect the health and safety of all persons traveling on public ways and is adopted in accordance with the authority granted, inter alia, by Art. 89, Section 6 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 21, MGL Chapter 165, Section 20, MGL Chapter 166, Section 25 and M.G.L. Chapter 166A.

II. DEFINITIONS

ADA: The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 USC 12101-12213), and the Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (Appendix to Part 1191) of the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, as amended.

Applicant: Any Public Utility, Municipal Department, person or entity who owns or exercises general responsibility and control over: (i) utility or other pipes, ducts, lines or other thing buried in or under a Public Way, or (ii) real property abutting a Public Way, or (iii) real property served by the Public Way or by items of the type specified in (i) above and who wishes to perform Street Opening Work.

Application Fee: A fifty dollar ($50.00) non-refundable processing fee which shall accompany each application for a Street Opening Permit.

Architectural Access Board Regulations: The Rules and Regulations of the Architectural Access Board, Mass. Executive Office of Public Safety (521 CMR), as amended.

Awarding Authority: The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Easton has the authority to exercise the powers granted by this By-Law.

Awarding Authority Representative: That municipal officer or employee to whom the Awarding Authority in a writing has delegated some of its powers hereunder so that the process of permit-granting, inspection, and administration will proceed expeditiously.

Cold Patch: A dense graded or open graded mix with cutback asphalt as the binder with 1% of the mix being hydrated lime based on the total weight of the aggregate. The mineral aggregates and bitumen shall be proportioned and combined to meet the limits specified in Table A, Subsection M 3.11.03 and M 3.11.04 of The Standard Specifications. Bituminous material shall be either cutback asphalt, Grade MC-250 or MC800 conforming to Section M3.02.0 of the Standard Specifications.

Compaction: Compressing of suitable material and gravel that has been used to backfill a trench by means of mechanical tamping to within 95% of maximum dry density as determined by the modified Proctor Test in accordance with ASTM 1557 method D.

Contractor: All officers or employees of Applicant performing Street Opening Work or any person or entity engaged by or on behalf of Applicant to perform Street Opening Work. The Contractor for purposes of this By-Law and for all questions of liability in
connection with any street opening work shall be conclusively deemed agents of Applicant for whom the Applicant is fully responsible.

Controlled Density Fill: Also called flowable fill, CDF is a mixture of portland cement, flyash, sand and water. It shall contain a minimum of 250 pounds of class F flyash or high air (25%) and will be self-leveling. It is hand-tool excavatable.

Default: The failure of the Permit Holder (including all Contractors or other agents of Permit Holder) to (i) comply fully with provisions of applicable laws and regulations, (ii) comply fully with all of the applicable provisions of this By-Law and the Street Opening Permit including written supplemental instructions, the municipality's General By-Laws or other applicable law, and (ii) keep its Certificate of Insurance in full force and effect.

Emergency Repair Work: Street Opening Work which must be commenced immediately to correct (i) a hazardous condition which could reasonably be expected to result in injury, loss of life, property damage or (ii) a condition which has resulted in the catastrophic failure of a utility transmission trunk line.

Gas Company: A Public Utility to which C. 164 Section 70 of the M.G.L. applies.

Highway Department: The municipal agency generally responsible for the repair and maintenance of Public Ways within the municipality.

Infra-Red Process: That restorative procedure whereby an infrared heater softens existing pavement to a depth of one and one half inches, the softened area is treated with a penetrating asphalt emulsion, uniformly scarified and raked to a workable condition, and the treated surface then compacted by use of a steel-wheeled roller for the purpose of creating a smooth driving surface consistent with adjacent pavement.

Licensed Contractor: A Contractor who holds a current and valid Public Works Construction License issued by the Awarding Authority.

Newly Paved Road: A road that has been re-paved (binder and top) within the past five years.

Normal Working Hours: 7:30am to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

Permit Holder: An Applicant to whom a Street Opening Permit has been granted.

Permanent Patch: A final repair of Street Opening Work to be performed in accordance with this By-Law and intended to return permanently the opened portion of the roadway to as good a condition as it was in prior to the performance of the Street Opening Work.

Permanent Patch Window: That period of time commencing twelve months and up to eighteen months from the date of installation of the Temporary Patch.

Processed Gravel: Inert material that is hard, durable stone and coarse sand, free from loam and clay, surface coatings and deleterious materials and which meets M1.03.1 of The Standard Specifications.

Public Utility: Includes a Gas or Electric Company as defined in M.G.L.Chapter 164, Section 1, telephone and telegraph company subject to Chapter 159, Section 12, and cable TV companies or other telecommunication providers regulated by the Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy.

Public Way: Any road, including such appurtenances as berms, curbs, drains, sewers, water mains, sidewalks and paved and unpaved shoulders within the paper lay-out to which the public has access and the Town is responsible for maintaining. Also referred to as a street.

Public Works Construction License: A license required of all Contractors who are not officers or employees of a Public Utility or municipal department who wish to perform work including Street Opening Work on Public Ways.

Refundable Deposit: That amount of cash or money represented by a certified bank check deposited by the Applicant with its Application to secure the Applicant's performance of Street Opening Work in accordance with this By-Law.

Standard Specifications: The Mass. Highway Department's Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges, 1995 metric edition.

Street Opening Permit: A permit granted by the Awarding Authority to an Applicant for permission to do street opening work in a Public Way.

Street Opening Work: Any cutting, excavating, compacting, construction, repair or other disturbance in or under a Public Way together with restoration of the Public Way in accordance with this By-Law following such disturbance but excluding the location or re-location of utility poles for which a grant of location has been obtained pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 166, Section 27.

Temporary Patch: The application of either Cold Patch or two separate gradations of Bituminous Concrete consisting of binder and top layers and compaction to achieve a density equal to that of the surrounding pavement following excavation and compaction.

III. GENERAL

No work (except the commencement of Emergency Repair Work in accordance with paragraph VII hereof) in or under a Public Way shall commence until the Applicant shall have applied for in accordance with Paragraph IV, and obtained from the Awarding Authority, a Street Opening Permit. All work contemplated by this By-Law shall be done in a good and workmanlike manner using the best engineering and construction practices and shall be done in accordance with (i) all applicable laws and regulations, (ii) all of the provisions of this By-Law, (iii) any conditions contained in the Street Opening Permit, and (iv) such reasonable supplemental instructions not inconsistent with the foregoing as the Awarding Authority or its Representative may from time to time issue. A Permit Holder shall cause to be restored those portions of a Public Way disturbed by the Permit Holder to as good a permanent condition, in the reasonable judgment of Awarding Authority or its Representative, as they were in when Permit Holder made application thereunder. No person or entity may perform any work (including Street Opening Work or Emergency Repair Work) in or under a Public Way unless it is a Permit Holder and (i) is a municipal department or Public Utility or their respective officers or employees (ii) is the holder of a current and valid Public Works Construction License, or (iii) has engaged such a holder and such holder performs all such Street Opening Work or Emergency Repair Work as agent of Permit Hold

IV. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Applicant shall file on forms designated by the Awarding Authority a completed and signed application at the office of the Highway Department each time it desires to perform street opening work. The Application shall be accompanied by any and all plans, certifications, certificates of insurance and other items specified in the Application or reasonably requested by the Awarding Authority. If the Applicant does not intend to perform the Street Opening Work itself, it must in the application designate a Licensed Contractor to perform the work as its agent. The application shall also be accompanied by the application fee and the refundable deposit.

The Highway Department shall promptly review the application and make written recommendations concerning approval to the Awarding Authority and, if appropriate, shall include recommendations concerning permit conditions and supplemental instructions.

The Awarding Authority shall make a prompt determination on the application taking into account the following and such other facts as it may reasonably consider:

1) the recommendation of the Highway Department
2) the reason for the Street Opening Work
3) whether the street is recently constructed or repaved
4) whether there are other reasonable means adequate to accomplish the purpose for which the Street Opening Permit is sought.

If the application is considered favorably, a Street Opening Permit containing such conditions and supplemental instructions as the Awarding Authority reasonably deems appropriate shall promptly be issued. If the Application is not favorably considered, the Awarding Authority shall communicate in writing to Applicant the reasons its application was not favorably considered.

V. REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT AND ACCOUNT

The amount of the Refundable Deposit to secure proper restoration of a Public Way after Street Opening Work is determined in the reasonable judgment of the Awarding Authority based on the extent of the work. (A current schedule of deposits for standard work is attached.)

Following notice given by Permit Holder that final permanent repairs to the Public Way have been completed, the Awarding Authority or Representative will make a final inspection. Once the Awarding Authority or Representative has concluded that permanent repair work has been satisfactorily concluded and that Applicant has no other uncured defaults under Street Opening Permits, it shall release the unexpended balance of the deposit serving as security for the Street Opening Permit related to the inspected work.

All Refundable Deposits that an Applicant submits for Street Opening Permits shall be held by the Awarding Authority in one account which shall be designated as the Applicant's Refundable Deposit Account. Applicants upon request may receive periodic reports as to the balance standing within this account. Should a deposit associated with a specific permit be insufficient to secure the proper repair of a Public Way following a default by the Permit Holder, the Awarding Authority without limitation to other remedies available can deduct the cost of the proper repair from Applicant's Refundable Deposit Account for the purpose of funding the proper repairs. To the extent required by Chapter 164 of the M.G.L. applicable to Gas Companies, the provisions of this section and Section VI hereafter shall not be applied to Gas Companies which in their application for Street Opening Permits claim the exemption set out herein.

VI. FEE AND DEPOSIT CHANGES, MUNICIPAL EXEMPTION

From time to time hereafter the Awarding Authority, after public notice and hearing, may amend the schedule of deposits, the application fee, the hourly after-hours inspection charges or any other amounts due under this By-Law. A reasonable hourly charge for inspectional services which must be performed outside of normal working hours in accordance with a posted schedule established by the Awarding Authority will be billed to Permit Holder and due and payable fifteen days after billing. In extraordinary situations where extensive installation or renewal of utility lines overburden the normal capacity of the municipal departments to conduct inspections, the Awarding Authority can, after notice to Permit Holder or as a condition of the Permit, elect to treat all inspections as after-hours inspections and bill Permit Holder accordingly. Applicants which are municipal departments are exempt from payment of all fees and deposits hereunder. Public Utilities to the extent exempted as provided in Paragraph V above are exempt from payment of all fees except the Application Fee.

VII. EMERGENCY REPAIR PROCEDURE

If the conditions for Emergency Repair Work exist, then an Applicant after giving oral, faxed or electronic notice to the Police and Highway Departments may commence Street Opening Work. All such emergency repair work shall be done in strict compliance with this By-Law except for compliance with any notice provision inconsistent with such emergency action.

On the first business day following the commencement of emergency repair work, the Applicant shall file with the Awarding Authority (i) a written statement setting forth in detail the facts and circumstances constituting the conditions for Emergency Repair Work, (ii) an Application for a Street Opening Permit covering the Street Opening Work already commenced in accordance with Paragraph IV, (iii) the filing fee and required refundable deposit. If all of the materials such as plans, etc. are not then available to Applicant, the Applicant will supply them as soon as available. The Awarding Authority will promptly process the Application and grant the Street Opening Permit with such conditions and supplemental instructions as it may reasonably require.

VIII. INSURANCE

The Permit Holder and/or each Licensed Contractor shall acquire and continuously maintain, while it possesses any Street Opening Permits, liability insurance coverage on all personnel and equipment to be used in the street opening work. The insurance is to be with insurance companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall contain the following coverages and be in the following minimum amounts:

Commercial General Liability Insurance- including operation, independent contractors, complete operations for a period of one (1) year from completing the street opening work, XCU hazards, broad form property damage and personal injury.

General Aggregate:	$1,500,000.00
Products and complete operations:	
Aggregate	$1,000,000.00
Each occurrence	$1,000,000.00
Combined single limit	$2,000,000.00

Automobile Liability Insurance-covers owned, non-owned and hired vehicles

Bodily Injury Liability	$ 500,000.00 each person $1,000,000.00 each accident
Property damage Liability	$ 300,000.00 each accident
Combined Single Limit	$2,000,000.00

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability

Each Accident	$ 100,000.00
Disease- Policy Limit	$ 100,000.00
Disease- Each Employee	$ 300,000.00

Certificates of Insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) days notice to the Awarding Authority of cancellation or material change. The name of the municipality shall be listed as an additional insured on the Certificate of Insurance.

IX. LICENSED CONTRACTORS

Any Contractor or other person or entity that wishes to perform work on a Public Way and which is not either a municipality or a Public Utility (including their respective officers or employees) must be licensed by the Awarding Authority. Application for a Public Works Construction License must be made on a yearly basis. (See appropriate sections of the General By-Laws.)

X. TERMS OF THE STREET OPENING PERMIT

1. **Term of Permit.** All Street Opening Permits shall be valid for thirty days and, upon written request to the Awarding Authority, renewable for an additional thirty days. Permits must be present at the work site. Permits can be revoked by the Awarding Authority if the Applicant is in Default.
2. **Inspections.** Inspections may take place at the following events:
   a. prior to backfilling the trench
   b. following completion of Temporary Patch placement
   c. during the Permanent Patch Window
   d. following completion of Permanent Patch placement

The Permit Holder or Contractor will notify Awarding Authority Representative when an inspection is desired and co-ordinate the timing of such inspection.

3. Working Hours. Except in emergency situations, street opening work will occur during normal working hours. The Permit Holder must give notice of the intended street opening work seventy-two hours in advance to the Highway Superintendent, and, unless the requirement for a police detail is waived by the Police Chief of the municipality, must arrange for and pay for a police detail to be present throughout the period of time that street opening work is being conducted.

4. **Dig-Safe.** The Permit Holder shall, in accordance with all current laws of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts, notify all Public Utilities seventy-two hours in advance of making any excavation in a street. Such notification shall be made by means of obtaining a DIG-SAFE number. Said number shall be provided on the Street Opening Permit application. The Permit shall not be issued until this information is provided.

5. Existing Utilities. Before starting any excavation, the Permit Holder or Contractor must confer with all Public Utilities to obtain information from each as to the horizontal and vertical locations of existing utilities and other conditions that may affect the excavation. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall not interfere with any existing utility without the written consent of the Awarding Authority Representative and the owner of the utility. If it becomes necessary to relocate an existing utility, this shall be done by its owner and the cost of such work shall be borne by the Permit Holder. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall inform itself as to the existence and location of all underground utilities and protect the same against damage.

6. Protection of Existing Lines and Structures. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall adequately support and protect by timbers, sheeting, etc. all pipes, conduits, poles, wires, cables or other appurtenances which may be in any way affected by the excavation work and shall do everything necessary to support, sustain and protect them under, over, along or across such work area. The excavation work shall be performed and conducted in such a manner that it shall not interfere with access to fire stations, fire hydrants, water gates, underground vaults, catch basins or any other public structure.

7. Adjoining Property. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall, at all times and at its own expense, preserve and protect from injury any adjoining property by providing proper foundations and shall take such other precautions as may be necessary for this purpose. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall at all times and at its own expense shore up and protect all buildings, walls, fences, trees and other property likely to be damaged during the progress of the street opening work and shall be responsible for all damages to public or private property or streets resulting from its failure to properly protect and carry out said work. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall not remove, even temporarily, any trees or shrubs which exist in planting strip areas without first obtaining the consent of the Highway Superintendent.

8. Damaged trees. In the event a tree is either accidentally destroyed by the Permit Holder or Contractor or is authorized for removal by the Awarding Authority Representative, the Permit Holder or Contractor shall remove the tree, stump and debris from the work site, and replace the tree with an identical species with a minimum caliper of two inches in the identical location.

9. Pedestrian Crossings, Open Trenches. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall, where possible, maintain safe crossings for two lanes of vehicle traffic at all public intersections as well as safe crossings for pedestrians at intervals of not more than three hundred (300) feet. If any excavation is made across a Public Way, it shall be made in sections to assure maximum safe crossing for vehicles and pedestrians. An open trench may not exceed three hundred (300) feet unless specifically permitted by the Awarding Authority or its Representative. If the Public Way is not wide enough to hold the excavated material for temporary storage, the material shall be immediately removed from the location.

10. Traffic. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall take appropriate measures to assure that during the performance of the street opening work, so far as practicable, normal traffic conditions shall be maintained at all times so as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to the occupants of the adjoining property and to the general public. The Awarding Authority Representative may permit the closing of streets and walks to all traffic for a period of time. Unless the requirement for a police detail is waived by the Police Chief of the municipality, the Permit Holder shall engage a police detail to maintain traffic control and public safety at the project site while street opening work is in progress. Warning signs shall be placed a sufficient distance from the project site in order to alert all traffic coming from both directions. Cones or other approved devices shall be placed to channel traffic. Warning signs, lights and such other precautions shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Construction materials and equipment on the site shall be limited in quantity and in the space they occupy so that they do not unduly hinder and block traffic.

11. Gutters and Basins. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall maintain all gutters free and unobstructed for the full depth of the adjacent curb and for at least one (1) foot in width from the face of such curb at the gutter line. Catch basins shall be kept clear and serviceable.

12. Excavated Material. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall remove all excess excavated material, surplus water, muck, silt, residue or other run-off pumped or removed from excavations from the site.

13. Temporary Repairs. At the end of each work day, all trenches must be plated, back-filled, or compacted and temporarily patched if the work is not completed. No open un-plated trenches are permitted overnight. Work in plated trenches must be continually prosecuted to completion to minimize the time trenches are plated.

14. Noise. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall perform the work in such a manner as to avoid unnecessary inconvenience and annoyance to the general public and occupants of neighboring property.

During the hours from 10:00pm to 7:00am. the Permit Holder or Contractor shall not use, unless otherwise specifically permitted by the Awarding Authority or Awarding Authority Representative any tool, appliance or equipment producing noise of sufficient volume to disturb the sleep or repose of occupants of the neighboring property.

15. Debris and Litter. All debris and litter remaining from the Street Opening Work site shall be removed by the Permit Holder or Contractor in a timely manner.

16. Restoration of Pavement Markings. All permanent pavement markings (crosswalks, center lines, fog lines) which are damaged during street opening work shall be restored in kind by and at the expense of the Permit Holder.

17. Lawn Surfaces and Plantings. All lawn surfaces which are disturbed during street opening work shall be replaced with sod or six (6) inches of screened loam, lime, fertilized and re-seeded with good quality lawn seed. Any areas containing plantings shall be restored to their original condition with the same or similar plantings.

18. Erosion Control. The Permit Holder shall be responsible for all erosion control and for obtaining any necessary permits from the Conservation Commission. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall protect drainage structures from siltation by whatever means required including but not limited to the installation of hay bales and/or filter fabric. In the event that a drainage structure becomes damaged from siltation as a result of the street opening work, the Permit Holder or Contractor shall clean the structure before completing the temporary patch.

XI. REQUIRED CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

All street opening work and materials used therein must conform to the Massachusetts Highway Department's Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges, 1995 Edition, and with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Architectural Access Board Regulations as currently in effect. In addition, the following specific requirements also apply. Exceptions to these requirements may be made in the discretion of the Awarding Authority or Awarding Authority Representative at the time that the street opening work is in progress.

1. Excavation.

Existing pavement shall be cut in neat, true lines along the area of the proposed excavation. Unstable pavement shall be removed over cave-outs and breaks and the sub-grade treated as the main trench. Pavement edges shall be trimmed to a vertical face and neatly aligned with the center line of the trench. Cut-outs beyond the limits of the trench lines must be normal or aligned parallel to the center line of the trench. Excavations shall be made in open cut. Trenches and excations shall be braced and sheathed in accordance with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). Sections of bituminous or cement concrete sidewalks shall be removed to the nearest scoreline or approved cut edge.

2. Back-Filling and Compaction.

Excavations shall be filled with approved backfill. Approved backfill consists of either Controlled Density Fill, suitable excavated material or gravel meeting M 1.03.0 or M 1.03.1 of The Standard Specifications. The Permit Holder may select which of these three to use in the excavation. Suitable excavated material shall mean previously excavated granular material but which does not include blacktop, clay, silt, organic material, concrete, roots, boulders or stones larger than four inches in diameter. If the hole is to be filled with suitable excavated material, a backfill course shall be placed in approximately twelve (12) inch lifts of maximum compaction to four inches below asphalt grade (See Diagrams 1, 2, and 3). A base course consisting of four inches of processed gravel or equivalent (i.e. suitable excavated material containing no stones larger than one and one-half inch in diameter) shall then be placed on top of the backfill course. The backfill and base course shall be compacted to not less than ninety-five (95) percent of maximum dry density as determined by the modified Proctor Test in accordance with ASTM 1557 Method D. The Permit Holder if directed by the Awarding Authority or its Representative will retain at its expense, a professionally qualified geotechnical consultant to perform this test. The results of this test shall be given to the Highway Superintendent.

If Controlled Density Fill is used as back-fill material, it must contain a minimum of 250 pounds of class F flyash or high air (25% plus) and be self-leveling. It must be Type 1E or 2E (very flowable). Flowable fill is to be batched at a ready mix plant and is to be used at a high or very high slump (1-"-12"). In lieu of the slump test, a 6" long, 3" diameter tube may be filled to the top and then slowly raised. The diameter of the resulting "pancake" may be measured and the range of the diameter shall be 9" to 14". It shall be flowable, require no vibration and after it is placed excavatable by hand tools and/or small machines.

The ingredients shall comply with the following:

Portland Cement	AASHTO M85
Fly Ash	AASHTO M 295 Class F

Sand	M 4.02.02- ASTM C33 sand
Air	M 4.02.05

Type 1E and 2E must meet the following requirements:

Compressive	28 days	90 days
Strength	30-80 psi	100psi ma.
Slump	10-12 inches	
Air	1-30%	

If Controlled Density Fill is used as back-fill material, it must fill the excavation to immediately below asphalt grade. The Contractor must then plate the excavation with a heavy duty steel plate adequate to carry heavy traffic and wait twenty-four hours for the CDF to cure prior to applying the Permanent Patch.

If an excavation is back-filled with Controlled Density Fill in accordance with this By-Law, then a temporary patch need not be installed but a Permanent Patch may be installed immediately. Permanent patches installed over Controlled Density Fill shall consist of four (4) inches of Bituminous Concrete applied in a two and one-half inch base course and a one and one-half inch top course of bituminous concrete all installed in accordance with this By-Law. If an excavation in a cement concrete Public Way is filled with Controlled Density Fill, then the provisions of paragraph 5 (a) of this by-Law may be omitted, but the provisions of paragraph 5(b) and 5(c) must be complied with.

3. Temporary Patches

a. Bituminous Concrete

Following proper compaction, a temporary patch which shall be the thickness of the existing asphalt pavement or a minimum of four inches whichever is greater shall be applied. It shall consist of either Cold Patch or Bituminous Concrete plant-mixed hot asphalt aggregate. (See Diagrams)

b. Temporary Patch to be maintained for one year.

A temporary patch that has been back-filled and compacted shall be maintained by the Permit Holder or Contractor so that the patched surface and the surrounding area remain a single smooth unbroken plane for a period of time no shorter than one year after placement of the temporary patch.

4. Permanent Patches

Except when installed over Controlled Density Fill as described in paragraph 2 above, Permanent Patches shall be installed not less than twelve nor more than eighteen months from the date of installation of the Temporary Patch. Upon request by the Permit Holder or Contractor, the Awarding Authority Representative will inspect the Temporary Patch and determine if final settlement of the trench has occurred. The Awarding Authority Representative will notify the Permit Holder or Contractor within seven days of the inspection whether the permanent patch can be installed. Public Utilities or municipal departments may schedule permanent patches to replace all temporary patches then within the Permanent Patch Window without receiving prior approval from the Awarding Authority but must give the Awarding Authority and its Representative not less than seventy-two hours prior notice.

A permanent patch shall consist of one of the following: a) cold planing the temporary patch to a depth of one and one-half inches and then installing a minimum of one and one half inches of top course of bituminous concrete, or b) the excavation of the temporary patch in a bituminous Concrete Public Way and replacement of this material with any additional processed gravel needed and two and one half inches of base course and one and one-half inches of top course of Bituminous Concrete (See Diagrams 1 and 2) or (c) application of the Infra-Red Process to the temporary patch, or d) the certification by the Awarding Authority Representative made during the Permanent Patch Window that the temporary patch in his reasonable judgment meets fully the standard of a permanent Patch and thus requires no further work.

a. Cold Planing

If the cold planing method is used, the area to be cold planed must extend at least twelve (12) inches beyond all sides of the existing Temporary Patch. (See Diagram 2) This area must be cold planed to a depth of one and one-half inches. Any broken or irregular edges of existing pavement shall be cut away in straight lines leaving a sound vertical face at least twelve (12) inches back from all edges of the existing pavement. The Permit Holder must provide a dust control system capable of complying with environmental air quality standards during cold planing and sweep the Public Way following completion of the cold planing work. All abutting edges of the existing pavement will be painted with an asphalt emulsion immediately prior to the placement of the Permanent Patch. The Permanent Patch will consist of the application of a top course of a minimum of one and one-half inches of bituminous concrete plant-mixed hot asphalt aggregate. After raking and rolling, the grade of the Permanent Patch shall match the existing bituminous surface of adjacent pavement The finished Permanent Patch shall be level having no depressions retaining water on any of the surface. All seams of the finished perimeter shall be sealed with penetrating asphalt emulsion.

b. Excavation

Any temporary patch that has been patched with cold patch must be excavated and replaced with a Bituminous Concrete base in accordance with this paragraph. If the excavation method is chosen and if additional cutting of the existing pavement is required, it shall be done in neat straight lines. Any broken or irregular edges of existing pavement shall be cut away in straight lines leaving a sound vertical face at least twelve (12) inches back from all edges of the existing pavement. (See Diagram 1 and 3). All abutting edges of the existing pavement shall be painted with an asphalt emulsion immediately prior to the placement of the permanent patch. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall remove and dispose of all excavated material and thoroughly compact the surface of the sub-base.

Following excavation the permanent patch shall consist of a Bituminous Concrete base and top laid and rolled in two (2) courses. The binder (base course) shall be a minimum of two and one half (2 1/2) inches in depth and the top course shall be one and one half (1 1/2) inches in depth. The minimum total thickness of both courses, measured after rolling, shall be four (4) inches or equal to the material that was previously excavated. If after compaction, more than four inches of Permanent Patch is needed in order to restore the excavated area to finish grade, additional bituminous concrete shall be used in the base course. The base course shall be placed and carefully raked and thoroughly rolled to the required thickness. The top course shall be placed to a grade that will match the existing bituminous surface after rolling. All seams of the finished perimeter shall be sealed with penetrating asphalt emulsion. The finished Permanent Patch shall be level having no depressions retaining water on any of the surface.

c. Infra-Red Process

If the Infra-Red Process is utilized to install the permanent patch, the area to be repaired shall be thoroughly cleaned to eliminate all potential contaminants. An infrared heater shall be positioned over the area to be repaired for a period of time required to plasticize the existing pavement to a depth of one and one half inches. Oxidation of the pavement caused by improper heating techniques must be avoided. If this condition occurs, all oxidized material must be removed and replaced with Class I Bituminous Concrete meeting the Standard Specifications of the Massachusetts Highway Dept.

The softened area shall be inwardly reworked from approximately one foot beyond all sides of the original Temporary Patch. This designated area shall be treated with a penetrating asphalt emulsion, uniformly scarified and raked to a workable condition. For street crossings and/or trenches with jogs, the reworked area will be extended beyond the outermost jog in a straight line parallel with the opposite outermost jog. Under no circumstances may the infrared heat treatable patching mix that is used register a temperature under 200 degrees F.

After the paving mixture has been properly admixed and raked to grade, compacting shall be obtained by use of a steel-wheeled roller of sufficient weight to establish a uniform density comparable to that of the surrounding pavement surface within the work area. The finished Permanent Patch shall be level having no depressions retaining water on any of the surface. All seams of the finished perimeter shall be sealed with penetrating asphalt emulsion.

A petroleum resin sealant shall be applied consistently to the entire heated area by mechanical means or hand application at an approximate rate between .1 and .25 gallons per square yard. Actual rate will be determined on site by an approved absorption test method. A mineral filler will then be broadcast over the newly sealed area to absorb any excess liquid and prevent tracking and the area immediately opened to traffic.

d. Certification

If a Permit Holder seeks to qualify a temporary patch as a permanent patch, it must make the application for inspection set out above and specify in it its request for certification. The Awarding Authority Representative will notify the Permit Holder within thirty days of the request whether the Temporary Patch has been certified as a permanent patch. If it is not so certified, the Permit Holder shall forthwith cause a permanent patch utilizing one of the three remaining methods set out above to be utilized.

e. Newly Paved Roads

On Newly Paved Roads, the Awarding Authority Representative may require in addition to the placement of the permanent patch, that the permanent patch shall be treated by a process (infra-red, microwave or equivalent) that will ensure that the permanent patch is integrated into the existing bituminous surface in a seamless manner.

f. Final Inspection of Permanent Patch

Following completion of the permanent patch, the Permit Holder or Contractor shall give notice thereof to the Awarding Authority Representative who shall inspect the permanent patch. If the Awarding Authority Representative is satisfied that the road has been restored to as good a condition as existed prior to the Street Opening Work, he shall so note on the street opening permit and any Refundable Deposit securing that street opening work shall be refunded promptly to Applicant. If the Awarding Authority Representative determines that the Permit Holder is in default, the Awarding Authority may proceed in accordance with

Paragraph XIII, Remedies, of this By-Law.

Special Rules for Cement Concrete Roadways

Any excavation in a cement concrete Public Way or Public Way with a cement concrete base with a bituminous concrete surface shall be backfilled as described in paragraph 2 and temporarily patched as described in paragraph 3. Immediately prior to the installation of a Permanent Patch, the following shall be done:

(a) the temporary patch and sufficient back-filled material shall be removed.

(b) a six-inch reinforced concrete slab shall be laid over the back-filled trench extending one (1) foot beyond all edges of the trench surface and allowing for four (4) inches of Bituminous Concrete to be installed above the slab. The slab shall have steel reinforcing for tensile strength in accordance with good engineering practices. The Permit Holder or Contractor shall install a temporary heavy duty steel plate adequate to carry heavy traffic over the trench until the concrete slab shall have adequately cured.

(c) once the concrete slab shall have cured, there shall be installed a four (4) inch layer of Bituminous Concrete applied in a two and one-half inch base course and a one and one-half inch top course all in accordance with Diagram 3 and generally in accordance with this By-Law.

6. Shoulders

Suitable excavated material shall be placed in layers not to exceed six (6) inches in depth and compacted. Shoulders shall be re-constructed to their existing condition and either loamed with six (6) inches of loam, limed, fertilized and seeded with roadside grass mix or covered with four (4) inches of wood chips as directed by the Awarding Authority Representative.

7. Sidewalks

Any excavation in a concrete or bituminous concrete sidewalk shall require that the entire sidewalk area containing the trench be replaced. Any concrete sidewalk section that is excavated or damaged by the excavation must be replaced in its entirety. Suitable excavated material or gravel shall be placed in layers not to exceed six (6) inches in depth and Compacted. All sidewalk areas will be installed by the Permit Holder or Contractor in conformance with the ADA and the Architectural Access Board Regulations currently in effect. Bituminous concrete sidewalks shall have two courses (two inches of binder and one inch of top) of bituminous concrete plant-mixed hot asphalt aggregate applied to and rolled to create a pavement surface consistent with the adjacent bituminous concrete surface. Concrete sidewalks shall have four inches of poured concrete applied to finish grade. The concrete shall be placed in alternate slabs 9 meters in length except as otherwise ordered. The slabs shall be separated by transverse pre-formed expansion joint filler 13 millimeters in thickness. Concrete driveway openings shall have six inches of poured concrete applied to finish grade. Pre-formed expansion joints will be installed against buildings, walls, steps, foundations or existing concrete block.

8. Curb and Berm

Any curbing or berm which is damaged or removed as part of the street opening work shall be properly replaced in kind. The use of cast-in-place concrete curbing is prohibited.

All salvageable granite curb that is removed from the Public Way and is excess is the property of the Town and shall be delivered to the Highway Department by the Permit Holder or Contractor.

9. Wheelchair Ramps

Existing wheelchair ramps which are damaged or removed under Street Opening Work shall be reconstructed in kind and in conformance with the ADA and the Architectural Access Board Regulations that are currently in effect.

10. Curb Cuts

Any curb cut within a Public Way cannot exceed the following dimensions at the throat unless specifically approved by the Awarding Authority Representative:

Single Family Dwelling - 24 feet
Multi- Family Dwelling - 24 feet
Two Family Dwelling - 24 feet
Commercial Property - 36 feet

Driveway entrances into Public Ways must butt into and not overlap the edge of the existing roadway hardened surface. The driveway must be graded in such a manner that no ponding of water occurs within the Public Way and in accordance with the Architectural Access Board Regulations. Driveways shall not be located on small radius curves and shall be positioned as to provide maximum sight distance and safety.

XII. SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION

The Awarding Authority or Awarding Authority Representative, if it believes a Default has occurred, can

suspend immediately for up to 21 days a Street Opening Permit by communicating such suspension to any of the Permit Holder, Licensed Contractor, or any of their respective representatives at the job site.
The Awarding Authority may revoke a Street Opening Permit granted hereunder after notice and hearing if it shall reasonably determine that a default has occurred. Permit Holder shall be given not less than five days prior written notice of the time and place of the hearing and shall have the opportunity at the hearing to present evidence. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Awarding Authority may appeal such decision to the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction or to the extent applicable law provides, to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

XIII. REMEDIES

If a Permit Holder or Licensed Contractor shall be in default as defined herein, the Awarding Authority may:

1. Suspend or revoke the Street Opening Permit as provided in XII above. If the street opening work has commenced but is not completed at the time of a suspension or revocation, the Awarding Authority can order the street opening work to be completed by another Licensed Contractor the cost of which is paid for from the Permit Holder's Refundable Deposit Account or by Permit Holder if the Refundable Deposit is insufficient or does not exist.
2. Suspend or revoke the Licensed Contractor's Public Works Construction License pursuant to the Public Works Construction By-Law.
3. Assert the Town's legal remedies.

TOWN OF EASTON

Permit No.________ Dig Safe No.________

APPLICATION FOR A STREET OPENING PERMIT

APPLICANT (as defined in the By-Law)
NAME: ____________________
ADDRESS: ____________________
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PHONE: ____________________
CONTACT PERSON:____________________

LICENSED CONTRACTOR:
NAME: ____________________
ADDRESS: ____________________
PHONE: ____________________
EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: ____________________
(available 24 hours a day)
TOWN OF EASTON LICENSE NO. ____________________
LOCATION OF WORK:____________________
(Complete Locus Plan on Reverse side of Application or attach Plan)
EXPECTED SIZE OF TRENCH:____________________
ESTIMATED DEPOSIT (based on schedule)____________________
EXPECTED DATE OF WORK:____________________
EMERGENCY CONDITIONS:____________________
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Applicant, by its signature in the space provided below, acknowledging the benefit conveyed to Applicant by the receipt of the Street Opening Permit hereby covenants and agrees with the Town of Easton to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Easton and all of its officers, employees and agents of and from any and all claims, demands, suits or other proceedings and from any and all liabilities arising or claimed to have arisen out of, or to be in any way related to: (i) this Application, (ii) any street opening work as defined in the Street Opening By-Law or (iii) any action or failure to act by Applicant, its officers, employees, agents or contractors in connection with any work performed or failed to be performed by or on behalf of Applicant in or under any Public Way in the Town of Easton.

____________Application Fee Received
____________Exemption Claimed? (Y)(N) ________________________
(Applicants Signature)

____________Refundable Deposit Received

____________Emergency Inspection Fee ________________________
(Date)

ALL FEES MUST BE IN CASH OR CERTIFIED BANK CHECK"

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)
VOTED.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Code of the Town of Easton, Division 2, By-Laws, Part II, General Legislation, Ch. 202 Streets and Sidewalks," by inserting a new "Article III Public Works Construction License" as follows:

"PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION LICENSE

I. INTRODUCTION

From time to time, it is necessary to excavate a Public Way in order to install, repair, or remove utilities or install or realign a driveway with the possibility of removing curbing and/or fencing. It is desirable that persons working in or under a Public Way have the necessary skills to perform this work in a competent manner so that Public Ways are maintained to protect the health and safety of all persons traveling on them. This By-Law is adopted under authority granted by M.G.L. Chapter 40 section 21.

II. DEFINITIONS

Awarding Authority: The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Easton has authority to exercise the powers granted by this By-Law.

Awarding Authority Representative: That municipal officer or employee to whom the Awarding Authority in a writing has delegated some of its powers hereunder so that the process of license granting and administration will proceed expeditiously.

Highway Department: The municipal agency generally responsible for the repair and maintenance of Public Ways within the municipality.

License Applicant: Any person or entity in the general contracting business, qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who wishes to perform street opening work in a Public Way either as a Permit Holder or as agent for one or more Permit Holders.

License Application Fee: An annual $50.00 non-refundable fee payable in cash or by check made payable to the Awarding Authority each time a License Application or renewal is filed.

Licensed Contractor: A contractor who holds a current and valid Public Works Construction License issued by the Awarding Authority.

Permit Holder: an "Applicant" as defined in the Street Opening By-Laws to whom a Street Opening Permit has been granted.

Public Way: Any road, including such appurtenances as berms, curbs, drains, sewers, water mains, sidewalks and paved and unpaved shoulders within the paper lay-out to which the public has access and the Town is responsible for maintaining. Also referred to as a Street.

Public Works Construction License: That license required of certain persons or entities who wish to perform Street Opening Work in Public Ways.

Street Opening Permit: A permit granted pursuant to the Street Opening By-Law conferring permission to do Street Opening Work in a Public Way.

Street Opening Work: Any cutting, excavating, compacting, construction, repair or other disturbance in or under a Public Way together with restoration of the Public Way in accordance with the Street Opening By-Law following such disturbance, but excluding the location or relocation of utility poles for which a grant of location has been obtained pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 166, Section 27.

Violation: The failure of the Licensed Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors to (i) comply fully with any or all provisions of this By-Law, the Street Opening By-Law, and any Street Opening Permits or supplemental instructions, the Town's General By-Laws or other applicable law, or (ii) to keep its Certificate of Insurance in full force and effect.

III. GENERAL

No person or entity may become a Licensed Contractor unless it shall:

1. be in the general contracting business, and
2. be qualified to do business in the Commonwealth, and
3. be qualified, in the reasonable judgment of the Awarding Authority, by experience, training of personnel, financial resources, and previously demonstrated, satisfactory performance of the entity, and/or those individuals who control it, to perform street opening work in Public Ways in the municipality, and
4. have completed the licensing process described below.

A License Applicant may demonstrate its compliance with (3) above by presenting to the Awarding Authority evidence that it holds a current "Pre-Qualification Rating" issued by the Massachusetts Highway Department pursuant to 720 CMR 5.00 which, in the reasonable judgment of the Awarding Authority, is sufficient in terms of Class of Work, Maximum Capacity Rating and Single Capacity Rating (all as defined in 720 CMR 5.00) to demonstrate sufficient capacity to perform anticipated Street Opening Work. A License Applicant whose Public Works Construction License has been suspended or revoked in the three year period preceding the date of the current application may not demonstrate compliance with (3) above using this method.

Public Works Construction Licenses are valid from the date issued until December 31 of the year in which issued unless sooner suspended or revoked. A Public Works Construction License must be renewed each year.

IV. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The License Applicant shall file on forms designated by the Awarding Authority a completed and signed application at the offices of the Awarding Authority (with a copy delivered to the Highway Department). The License Application shall be accompanied by any and all certificates, certificates of insurance demonstrating compliance with (V) hereafter, and other items specified in the Application or reasonably requested by the Awarding Authority. It shall also be accompanied either by evidence that License Applicant is currently and appropriately "pre-qualified" pursuant to 720 CMR 5.00 or by such evidence of License Applicant's compliance with the provisions of III (3) above as Awarding Authority reasonably may require. The License Application shall also be accompanied by the License Application Fee.

The Highway Department shall promptly review the Application and make written recommendations thereon.

The Awarding Authority shall make a prompt determination on the License Application in accordance with the standards set out in III above.

If the License Application is favorably considered, a Public Works Construction License shall promptly issue. If the License Application is not favorably considered, Awarding Authority shall communicate in writing to License Applicant the reasons its application was not favorably considered. The Awarding Authority may establish streamlined procedures for renewal applications.

V. INSURANCE

Each Licensed Contractor shall acquire and continually maintain while licensed hereunder liability insurance coverage on all personnel and equipment to be used in the Street Opening Work which insurance is to be with insurance companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall contain the following coverages and be in the following minimum amounts:

Commercial General Liability Insurance including operators, independent contractors, complete operations, XCU hazards, broad form property damage and personal injury.

General aggregate:	$1,500,000.00
Products and complete operations:	
Aggregate	$1,000,000.00
Each occurrence	$1,000,000.00

Combined single limit	$2,000,000.00

Automobile Liability Insurance- Covers owned, non-owned and hired vehicles.

Bodily Injury Liability	$ 500,000.00	each person
	$1,000,000.00	each accident
Property Damage Liability	$ 300,000.00	each accident
Combined Single Limit	$2,000,000.00	

The Licensee agrees to maintain at the Licensee's expense all insurance required by law for its employees, including disability, workers compensation and unemployment compensation.

Certificates of Insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) days' notice to the Awarding Authority of cancellation or material change. The name of the Awarding Authority shall be listed as an additional insured on the Certificate of insurance to be provided by the Applicant. The Awarding Authority is not responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever to the property of the Licensee.

VI. SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION

The Awarding Authority or Representative, if it believes a Violation has occurred, can suspend immediately for up to 21 days a Public Works Construction License by communicating such suspension to Licensed Contractor or any of its representatives at the job site.

The Awarding Authority may revoke a Public Works Construction License granted hereunder after notice and hearing if it shall reasonably determine that a violation of this By-Law has occurred. Licensed Contractor shall be given not less than five days prior written notice of the time and place of the hearing and shall have the opportunity at the hearing to present evidence. No License Applicant may re-apply for a Public Works Construction License during the twelve month period following a revocation. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Awarding Authority may appeal such decision to the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction.

APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION LICENSE

Applicant's Name: ______________________________

Applicant's Address: ______________________________

Applicant's Telephone No: ______________________________

As part of this Application: Applicant submits the names of six references, details its prior experience and lists the equipment that it has available to do street opening work, and submits a Certificate of Insurance showing liability coverages in the required amounts.

Applicant certifies that it has complied with all the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to the filing of all State tax returns and payment of all state taxes required under said laws.

Applicant, by its signature in the space provided below, acknowledging the benefit conveyed to Applicant by the receipt of the Public Works Construction License, hereby covenants and agrees with the Town of Easton to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Easton, Awarding Authority and all of its officers, employees and agents of and from any and all claims, demands, suits or other proceedings and from any and all liabilities arising or claimed to have arisen out of, or to be in any way related to: (i) this Application, (ii) any street opening work as defined in the Public Works Construction License By-Law or (iii) any action or failure to act by Applicant, its officers, employees, agents or contractors in connection with any work performed or failed to be performed by or on behalf of Applicant in or under any Public Way in the Town of Easton.

______________________________ ____________________
(Signature of Applicant) (Date)

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Date Application Received: ____________
Application complete? _________ Missing: ________________
Determination of Awarding Authority: ____________________
Date License Issued: ________________ Expiration date: __________
First Renewal Issued: ________________ Expiration date: __________
Second Renewal Issued: ________________ Expiration date: __________
Third Renewal Issued: ________________ Expiration date: __________

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(Signature of Awarding Authority)

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT
APPENDIX TO APPLICATION FOR STREET OPENING PERMIT

I, ____________________________, ____________________
(Name) (Title)

of ____
(Name of Company)

certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I have authority to file this Application for a Street Opening Permit on behalf of the Applicant.

2. Applicant's federal tax I.D. Number: ________________

3. If an out-of-state Applicant, a resident agent in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts must be appointed for service of process. The name and address of the Applicant's resident agent is:

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Phone number: ______________________________

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(Date)

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(Agent's Signature)

STREET OPENING BY-LAW ATTACHMENT- FEE SCHEDULE

Application Fee- $50.00

Inspection services after normal working hours - $50.00 per hour

Nominal Schedule of Refundable Deposits for Street Opening Work in Public Ways

To open to center of Public Way	$ 300.00 each opening
To open across the Public Way	$ 600.00 each opening
To open to center of state highway	$1,500.00 each opening
To open across a state highway	$2,000.00 each opening
To open trench in unpaved shoulder (parallel to street)	$ 10.00 per linear foot
To open trench in paved Public Way (parallel to street)	$ 25.00 per linear foot
Curb cut for a private driveway	$ 200.00
Curb cut for a subdivision street	$ 500.00
Newly Paved Roads (Infra-Red or equivalent)	
To center of Public Way	$ 700.00
Across the Public Way	$1 ,400.00
To open a sidewalk (includes 3 sq. yds.)	
Bituminous concrete sidewalk	$ 300.00
Concrete sidewalk	$ 600.00
To excavate a sidewalk (over 3 sq. yds.)	
Bituminous concrete sidewalk	$ 15.00 per sq. yd.
Concrete sidewalk	$ 25.00 per sq. yd.”

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)
VOTED.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to amend the “Code of the Town of Easton, Division 5 Rules and Regulations, Chapter 500 Street Openings,” by deleting this chapter in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO AMEND THE “CODE OF THE TOWN OF Easton, DIVISION 5 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 500 STREET OPENINGS,” BY DELETING THIS CHAPTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.*

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to amend the “Code of the Town of Easton, Division 2 By-Laws, Part I Administrative Legislation, Ch. 44 Meetings, Part 8 Special Notice When Change of Land Use is Proposed,” by deleting part 8 as follows:

“Section 8: Special Notice of Certain Proposed Zoning Actions

Written notice shall be sent by certified mail by the Town Clerk to any owner of land, a so recorded in the Office of the Assessors, at least 30 days prior to any special or annual town meeting which has an Article in the Warrant for said meeting which, if enacted, would change substantially the use to which said land may be put. In the event any such enacted change would affect all or most landowners in the Town, notice shall be deemed adequate by publishing by the Town Clerk at or near the Eaton News in the Brockton Enterprise for the last five consecutive business days preceding said meeting and in the Easton Bulletin for four weeks immediately preceding said meeting, a brief synopsis of the essence of said proposal preceded by the words “SPECIAL NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.” Compliance with the provision shall be a condition precedent to the validity of any article and the written oath of the Town Clerk that said notice has been given shall be considered presumptive evidence of compliance." or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***VOTED** TO AMEND THE "CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, DIVISION 2 BY-LAWS, PART I ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CH. 44 MEETINGS, PART 8 SPECIAL NOTICE WHEN CHANGE OF LAND USE IS PROPOSED," BY DELETING PART 8 AS FOLLOWS:*

***"SECTION 8: SPECIAL NOTICE OF CERTAIN PROPOSED ZONING ACTIONS** WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL BY THE TOWN CLERK TO ANY OWNER OF LAND, AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS, AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY SPECIAL OR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WHICH HAS AN ARTICLE IN THE WARRANT FOR SAID MEETING WHICH, IF ENACTED, WOULD CHANGE SUBSTANTIALLY THE USE TO WHICH SAID LAND MAY BE PUT. IN THE EVENT ANY SUCH ENACTED CHANGE WOULD AFFECT ALL OR MOST LANDOWNERS IN THE TOWN, NOTICE SHALL BE DEEMED ADEQUATE BY PUBLISHING BY THE TOWN CLERK AT OR NEAR THE EASTON NEWS IN THE BROCKTON ENTERPRISE FOR THE LAST FIVE CONSECUTIVE BUSINESS DAYS PRECEDING SAID MEETING AND IN THE EASTON BULLETIN FOR FOUR WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SAID MEETING, A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENCE OF SAID PROPOSAL PRECEDED BY THE WORDS "SPECIAL NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS." COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISION SHALL BE A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE VALIDITY OF ANY ARTICLE AND THE WRITTEN OATH OF THE TOWN CLERK THAT SAID NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN SHALL BE CONSIDERED PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE."*

ARTICLE 51: To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Code of the Town of Easton, Division 2 Bylaws, Part II General Legislation, Chapter Wetlands Protection" by:

In *§ 227-1. Purpose* - lst line, after the word "wetlands," delete the word "related" .
In *§ 227-2. Jurisdiction* - 3rd line, after the words "any freshwater wetland" add an "s" to wetlands.
In *§ 227-2. Jurisdiction* - 3rd line, after the words "pools; banks;" add the word "beaches;" and in the 4th line after the words "reservoirs; lakes, ponds;" add the words "of any size".
In *§ 227-2. Jurisdiction* - last line delete the words "(collectively the "resources areas protection by the bylaw")".
In *§ 227-2. Jurisdiction* - end of paragraph add the following: "; rivers, streams and creeks whether perennial or intermittent; and lands within 200 feet of any river, stream, or creek (collectively the "resource areas protection by the bylaw"). Said resource areas shall be protected whether or not they border surface waters."
In *§ 227-7. Issuance or denial of permit; terms of permit - A.* - Add to the end of the paragraph the following: "The Commission shall take into account the cumulative adverse effects of loss, degradation, isolation and replication of protected resource areas throughout the municipality, resulting from past activities, permitted and exempt, and foreseeable future activities."
In *§ 227-7. Issuance or denial of permit; terms of permit - B.* - Add to the end of the paragraph the following: "Lands within 100 feet of the specified resource areas, and within 200 feet of rivers, streams, and creeks, are presumed important to the protection of these resources because activities undertaken in close proximity to resource areas have a high likelihood of adverse effect upon them either immediately, as a consequence of construction, or over time, as a consequence of daily operation or existence of the activities. These adverse impacts from construction and use can include, but not be limited to, erosion, siltation, loss of groundwater recharge, poor water quality, and loss of wildlife habitat. The Commission therefore may require that the applicant maintain a strip of continuous, undisturbed vegetative cover within the aforementioned 100 or 200-foot area, unless the applicant convinces the Commission that the area or part of it may be disturbed without harm to the values protected by this bylaw.
In the case of areas within 200 feet of rivers, streams, and creeks, no permit issued hereunder shall permit any activities unless the applicant, in addition to meeting the otherwise applicable requirements of this bylaw, has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that (1) there is no practicable alternative to the proposed project with less adverse effects, and (2) should there be no practicable alternative, that such activities, including proposed mitigation measures, will have no significant adverse impact on the areas or values protected by this bylaw. The Commission shall regard as practicable an alternative which is reasonably available and capable of being done after taking into consideration the proposed property use, overall project purposes, logistics, existing technology, costs of the alternatives and overall project cost."

In *§ 227-9. Definitions - B.*, first line after the words "Except as otherwise provided in" add the following "this bylaw or the".
or to take any other relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

***VOTED** TO AMEND THE "CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, DIVISION 2 BYLAWS, PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 227 WETLANDS PROTECTION", AS WRITTEN IN THE WARRANT.*

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to accept the nonbinding reports of the Planning & Zoning Board concerning its recommendations in regard to the proposed amendments of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Articles 52-54, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein). (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

***VOTED** TO ACCEPT THE NONBINDING REPORTS OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD CONCERNING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AND ZONING MAP TO BE VOTED ON UNDER ARTICLES 53 AND 54*

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated March 19, 1997 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:
By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton under the control of the Conservation Commission, and described as follows, to Municipal & Open Space:

1. Parcel shown on Assessor's Map R15-1 consisting of 35.9 acres located at 491 Bay Road.
2. Parcel 1A shown on Assessor's Map R9-20 consisting of 13,994 square feet located on Chestnut Street.
3. Lots 20 and 27 shown on Assessor's Maps R3-321 and U10-8 consisting of approximately 40 acres located off Kerry Lane Extension.
4. Parcel shown on Assessor's Map R7-61 consisting of 1.3 acres located at 16R Galahad Way.
5. Parcel shown on Assessor's Map U25-13 consisting of 30,800 square feet located off Randall Street.
6. Parcel shown on Assessor's Map R23-7 consisting of 5.2 acres located at 733R Turnpike Street.
7. Parcel shown on Assessor's Map U36-105 consisting of 3.2 acres located at 627R Washington Street.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED MARCH 19, 1997 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) AS FOLLOWS:

BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND NOW OWNED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO MUNICIPAL & OPEN SPACE:

1. *PARCEL SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP R15-1 CONSISTING OF 35.9 ACRES LOCATED AT 491 BAY ROAD.*
2. *PARCEL 1A SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP R9-20 CONSISTING OF 13,994 SQUARE FEET LOCATED ON CHESTNUT STREET.*
3. *LOTS 20 AND 27 SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAPS R3-321 AND U10-8 CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 40 ACRES LOCATED OFF KERRY LANE EXTENSION.*
4. *PARCEL SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP R7-61 CONSISTING OF 1.3 ACRES LOCATED AT 16R GALAHAD WAY.*
5. *PARCEL SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP U25-13 CONSISTING OF 30,800 SQUARE FEET LOCATED OFF RANDALL STREET.*
6. *PARCEL SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP R23-7 CONSISTING OF 5.2 ACRES LOCATED AT 733R TURNPIKE STREET.*

7. PARCEL SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP U36-105 CONSISTING OF 3.2 ACRES LOCATED AT 627R WASHINGTON STREET.

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By Law adopted at Town Meeting, March 27,1973 and including amendments through April 14, 1997 by deleting Section V - Use Regulations Section 5-3 Principal Use B(13) appearing on page 5-4 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following Section V - Use Regulations Section 5-3 Principal Use B(13):

PRINCIPAL USES	R	R1	B	BN	I	E	F	M
B. Institutional, Recreational, and Educational Uses (cont'd)								
13) Entertainment and recreational facilities operated as a business for gain, including but not limited to bowling alley, theater, or sports arena, provided such use is housed indoors in sound-insulated structure protecting neighborhood from inappropriate noise in any season	N	N	SP	N	SP	N	SP	N

(Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY LAW ADOPTED AT TOWN MEETING, MARCH 27,1973 AND INCLUDING AMENDMENTS THROUGH APRIL 14, 1997 BY DELETING SECTION V - USE REGULATIONS SECTION 5-3 PRINCIPAL USE B(13) APPEARING ON PAGE 5-4 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF THE FOLLOWING SECTION V - USE REGULATIONS SECTION 5-3 PRINCIPAL USE B(13):

PRINCIPAL USES	R	R1	B	BN	I	E	F	M
B. Institutional, Recreational, and Educational Uses (cont'd)								
13) Entertainment and recreational facilities operated as a business for gain, including but not limited to bowling alley, theater, or sports arena, provided such use is housed indoors in sound-insulated structure protecting neighborhood from inappropriate noise in any season	N	N	SP	N	SP	N	SP	N

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to accept Tait Avenue as a public way from Station 4+91 to Station 5+51.61 (end) as shown on a plan of land entitled "Blueberry Hill Estates", drafted by Hayward-

Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated February 24, 1986, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on October 8, 1986, and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 244, Page 47,
to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO ACCEPT TAIT AVENUE AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 4+91 TO STATION 5+51.61 (END) AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "BLUEBERRY HILL ESTATES", DRAFTED BY HAYWARD-BOYNTON & WILLIAMS, INC., DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1986, AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD ON OCTOBER 8, 1986, AND RECORDED WITH THE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 244, PAGE 47.

THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID STREET OR WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS BUILT ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT", TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH STREET ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING. ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to accept Turner Lane as a public way from station 0-00 to station 5+50 (end) as shown on a plan of land entitled Turner Estates II, drafted by Ribelin land Surveyors, dated June 18, 1993, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on October 20, 1993 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern district Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 2388, pages 305,306, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said Lane shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Lane acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

A MOTION TO ACCEPT TURNER LANE AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0-00 TO STATION 5+50 (END) AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED TURNER ESTATES II, DRAFTED BY RIBELIN LAND SURVEYORS, DATED JUNE 18, 1993, AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ON OCTOBER 20, 1993 AND RECORDED WITH THE BRISOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 2388, PAGES 305, 306, THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID STREET OR WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS BUILT ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE DATE OF TOWN MEETING AT WHICH THIS VOTE IS APPROVED. ACCEPTANCE IS FURTHER CONDITIONAL UPON ALL DEFICIENCIES IN THE SUBDIVISION BEING CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE EASTON DPW DIRECTOR AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH THIS VOTE IS APPROVED WAS ***NOT A VOTE.***

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Budget at end of Warrant). (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED *TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $35,415,668 OF WHICH $32,859,812 SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXATION, $1,846,443 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM WATER RECEIPTS, $568,996 FROM OFFSET RECEIPTS, $20,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM STABILIZATION FUND, $50,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PENSION RESERVE FUND AND $70,417 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND ALL FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING THE COST OF THE FY'99 OPERATING BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:.*

FD-DPT	*DEPARTMENT NAME*	*AMOUNT*
01-003	*SELECTMEN*	*296,462*
01-007	*TOWN COUNSEL*	*138,300*
01-011	*FINANCE COMMITTEE*	*4,500*
01-013	*RESERVE FUND*	*40,000*
01-025	*ACCOUNTANT*	*57,949*
01-029	*ASSESSORS*	*151,151*
01-033	*TOWN COLLECTOR-TREASURER*	*273,519*
01-039	*TOWN CLERK*	*160,606*
01-049	*BOARD OF APPEALS*	*12,273*
01-051	*DATA PROCESSING*	*211,440*
01-063	*PLANNING AND ZONING*	*62,441*
01-101	*POLICE*	*2,432,553*
01-103	*FIRE*	*1,944,281*
01-104	*AMBULANCE*	*289,475*
01-105	*FIRE ALARM*	*19,199*
01-113	*BUILDING DEPARTMENT*	*101,643*
01-200	*SCHOOL BUDGET*	*17,855,957*
01-225	*SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL*	*347,397*
01-300	*DPW ADMINISTRATION*	*2,163,058*
01-487	*CONSERVATION COMMISSION*	*30,790*
01-501	*BOARD OF HEALTH*	*131,463*
01-531	*COUNCIL ON AGING*	*123,727*
01-551	*VETERANS DEPARTMENT*	*88,513*
01-600	*RECREATION DEPARTMENT*	*49,212*
01-601	*RECREATION - POOL*	*28,448*
01-625	*LIBRARY*	*360,177*
01-700	*MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST*	*2,711,228*
01-750	*UNCLASSIFIED*	*3,937,939*
61-500	*WATER DIVISION*	*1,391,967*
TOTAL		*$ 35,415,668*

Moderator Dailey returned to the Podium during discussion of Article 57. There were three held items: Reserve Fund, Regional School and Unclassified. A motion to increase the Reserve Fund to $100,000 was Not a Vote. The entire budget of $35,415,688 was voted as listed.

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as Water Commissioners, for and in behalf of the Town, to purchase, to acquire by gift, or to take by right of Eminent Domain, for water supply, aquifer protection and other municipal purposes, a parcel of land purported to be owned by Donald Freeman et ux, consisting of 35 acres, more or less, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the herein described premises, at a corner of the wall in the easterly line of the former New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad right of way, at a corner of land formerly of Josiah F. Goward and running thence N.77°40' E., 2.63 chains; thence N.69° E.,1.20 chains; thence N.89°E., 1.20 chains; thence N.81 °35' E., 0.43 chains; thence S.86° 30' E., 0.29 chains; thence S.67° 15' E., 0.44 chains; thence S.80°40' E., 0.57 chains; thence S.77° 20' E.,1.36 chains; all by wall and land now or formerly of said Goward; and to an angle in the wall; thence S.88°40' by wall and land now or formerly of said Goward and by land now or formerly of Oliver Ames, 3.835 chains to a stone bound, a corner of land now or formerly of Alfred B. and Justin N. Morse; thence S.4° 28' E., by land now or formerly of said Morse, 8.125 chains to a stone bound; thence N.88° 1' E., by land now or formerly of said Morse, 3.82 chains to Queset River; thence down the stream by said river, to a stone wall at land now or formerly of said Morse; thence N.89° 25' W., by land of said Morse and land now or formerly of Horace Phillips, 15.42 chains to the east line of the former N.Y.N.H. & H. Railroad; right of way; thence N.1° 22' W., by said Railroad, 23.73 chains to the point of beginning.

Together with whatever rights of way I may have in common with others or alone and subject to any reservations or rights or other.

Excepting however, those two parcels of land conveyed by Ellen L. Anderson to the Inhabitants of the Town of Easton, which conveyances are recorded in Bristol County (N.D.) Registry of Deeds, Book 760, Page 356, containing 2.14 acres more or less, and Book 827, Page 555, containing 4.71 acres more or less.

The said land being situated in said Easton, on the easterly side of the N.Y.N.H. & H. Railroad containing 36.18 acres, more or less.

For reference title reference, see deed to from Ellen L. Anderson, dated December 20, 1947 and recorded in Bristol County (N.D.) Registry in Book 937, Page 186.
or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTING AS WATER COMMISSIONERS, FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE TOWN, TO PURCHASE, TO ACQUIRE BY GIFT, OR TO TAKE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN, FOR WATER SUPPLY, AQUIFER PROTECTION AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, A PARCEL OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY DONALD FREEMAN ET UX, SUBJECT TO THE PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT BEING SATISFACTORY TO TOWN COUNSEL, CONSISTING OF 35 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PREMISES, AT A CORNER OF THE WALL IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE FORMER NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, AT A CORNER OF LAND FORMERLY OF JOSIAH F. GOWARD AND RUNNING THENCE N.77°40' E., 2.63 CHAINS; THENCE N.69° E., 1.20 CHAINS; THENCE N.89°E., 1.20 CHAINS; THENCE N.81 °35' E., 0.43 CHAINS; THENCE S.86°30' E., 0.29 CHAINS; THENCE S.67°15' E., 0.44 CHAINS; THENCE S.80°40' E., 0.57 CHAINS; THENCE S.77°20' E., 1.36 CHAINS; ALL BY WALL AND LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF SAID GOWARD; AND TO AN ANGLE IN THE WALL; THENCE S.88°40' BY WALL AND LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF SAID GOWARD AND BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF OLIVER AMES, 3.835 CHAINS TO A STONE BOUND, A CORNER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ALFRED B. AND JUSTIN N. MORSE; THENCE S.4°28' E., BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF SAID MORSE, 8.125 CHAINS TO A STONE BOUND; THENCE N.88°1' E., BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF SAID MORSE, 3.82 CHAINS TO QUESET RIVER; THENCE DOWN THE STREAM BY SAID RIVER, TO A STONE WALL AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF SAID MORSE; THENCE N.89°25' W., BY LAND OF SAID MORSE AND LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF HORACE PHILLIPS, 15.42 CHAINS TO THE EAST LINE OF THE FORMER N.Y.N.H. & H. RAILROAD; RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE N.1°22' W., BY SAID RAILROAD, 23.73 CHAINS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH WHATEVER RIGHTS OF WAY I MAY HAVE IN COMMON WITH OTHERS OR ALONE AND SUBJECT TO ANY RESERVATIONS OR RIGHTS OR OTHER.

EXCEPTING HOWEVER, THOSE TWO PARCELS OF LAND CONVEYED BY ELLEN L. ANDERSON TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, WHICH CONVEYANCES ARE RECORDED IN BRISTOL COUNTY (N.D.) REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 760, PAGE 356, CONTAINING 2.14 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND BOOK 827, PAGE 555, CONTAINING 4.71 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

THE SAID LAND BEING SITUATED IN SAID EASTON, ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF THE N.Y.N.H. & H. RAILROAD CONTAINING 36.18 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

FOR REFERENCE TITLE REFERENCE, SEE DEED TO FROM ELLEN L. ANDERSON, DATED DECEMBER 20, 1947 AND RECORDED IN BRISTOL COUNTY (N.D.) REGISTRY IN BOOK 937, PAGE 186. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by right of Eminent Domain, for water supply, aquifer protection or other municipal purposes, the 35 acre parcel of land purported to be owned by Donald Freeman, as more fully described in Article Number 58, and the expenses therefor, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED THAT $550,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE, GIFT, EMINENT DOMAIN OR OTHERWISE FOR WATER SUPPLY, AQUIFER PROTECTION OR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, THE APPROXIMATELY 35 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY DONALD FREEMAN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE NUMBER 58, AND ANY RELATED EXPENSES; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $550,000 UNDER G.L. CH. 44, AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust , or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE FOLLOWING WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITY PROJECTS: REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND/OR UPGRADE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS, PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL COSTS THEREOF AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; AND FURTHER THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $200,000 AND ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES THEREFORE UNDER MGL CHAPTER 111 SECTION 127B ½ AND/OR CHAPTER 29C AND/OR CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS; AND FURTHER THAT PROJECT AND FINANCING COSTS SHALL BE REPAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE AGREEMENTS, BUT SUCH BONDS OR NOTES SHALL BE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN; AND FURTHER THAT THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH AMOUNT FROM THE MASS. WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO MGL CHAPTER 29C AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND/OR SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST AND OTHERWISE CONTRACT WITH THE TRUST AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH LOAN AND FOR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECTS OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF; AND FURTHER THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LOCAL BODY OR OFFICIAL IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT REGULATORY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO EXPEND ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECTS AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS; PROVIDED THAT INTEREST PAYABLE TO THE COMMONWEALTH DOES NOT EXCEED 5 PERCENT, AND FURTHER THAT A SCHEDULE FOR REPAYMENT OF HOMEOWNER LOANS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED WHEREBY REPAYMENT PERIODS OF 5, 10, 15 AND 20 YEARS SHALL BE PERMITTED, WITH A LONGER REPAYMENT PERIOD AVAILABLE FOR LARGER LOANS. ***UANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 23 was taken off the table at this time. The Article was ***DISMISSED.***

At 10:37 p.m. it was voted to DISSOLVE the Annual Town Meeting. Total voters present - 261.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 61. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precincts One, Two and Four to meet at the Junior High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue; those residing in Precincts Three, Five and Six to meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Foundry Street (Route 106), on Monday the 27th day of April, 1998, at 7:00 in the forenoon to bring their votes all on one ballot for Two Selectmen for terms of three years; One Assessor for a term of three years; Two School Committee members for terms of three years; One Board of Health member for a term of three years; One Housing Authority member for a term of five years; Three Finance Committee members for terms of three years.

The polls will be opened at 7:00 A.M.and shall be closed at 8:00 P.M.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return on this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of the Warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return on the Warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of Officers elected, at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 11th day of March in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chairman
Patricia F. Hunt, Clerk
William D. Hardin
Frederick W. Clark
Patricia E. Webster
Easton BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. 3/13/98

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have his day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1998

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 13th day of April next, at 7:15P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. with more than quorum present. The following non-residents were voted admittance to the hall: Department Heads: Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Roger Hill, DPW Director; Martha L. White, Community Development Director; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Other Employees: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent/Principal; Robert Smith, Andrew Miller, Principals, Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Robin Leal, Intern; Others: Fred Lewis, Easton Journal; Patricia Jillson, Easton Bulletin; David Andrews and Samantha Fisher, Media One; Michelle Amato, Allison Cella-Mowatt, Lisa Gentile, Dan Morse, Stephanie Rochel, Audrey Rose, David Cleary, Microphone Carriers; Geraldine Creedon, State Representative, Robert Creedon, State Senator; John Morley, Aaron Fiske; MBTA Representatives: Howard Haywood, Alan Austin, Andrew Brennan, Janice Martin, Liza Standley, Steve Davis, Lauren Liss.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of opposing the extension of commuter rail to and/or through the Town of Easton, and to pay all legal costs, as well as the cost of engineering, environmental, historical, public safety and other related studies, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

AFTER SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS FROM MBTA PERSONNEL AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN PAICOS, IT WAS VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $40,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPPOSING THE EXTENSION OF COMMUTER RAIL TO AND/OR THROUGH THE TOWN OF EASTON, AND TO PAY ALL LEGAL COSTS, AS WELL AS THE COST OF ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HISTORICAL, PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER RELATED STUDIES. ***MAJORITY VOTE.***

It was Voted to Dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 9:17 p.m.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 2. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 11th day of March in the year nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chairman
William D. Hardin
Frederick W. Clark
Patricia E. Webster
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. March 13, 1998

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 27, 1998

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Monday, April 27, 1998. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One - J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, Nicolina Previti, Albert Becker, Wilfred Roberge, Bernard LaFerriere, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A and B) - Maureen Papineau, Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; Joseph Camara, Gathry Hall, Virginia Sullivan, Irene Roberge, Eleanor Bridge, Joan Healey, Martha Gomes, Mary Jane Wood, William MacMullen, Inspectors.

Precinct Three - Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, Beverly Hanson, Rena Salkovitz, Julieann M. Smith, Inspectors.

Precinct Four - Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert T. Leonard; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; John Sullivan, Lorraine Anderson, Laetitia Tremblay, Marjorie Jumpe, Inspectors.

Precinct Five - Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Mary Quattrucci, E. Louise Vose, Blanche Hicks, Evelyn Simpson, Louise Newman, Elizabeth Verity, Inspectors.

Precinct Six - Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, William Sullivan, Marilyn Williams, Esther Mahoney, Inspectors.

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	Total
Total Votes Cast	**535**	**803**	**360**	**618**	**546**	**451**	**3313**
SELECTMAN (Three Years) (Not More than Two)							
Frederick W. Clark	285	386	200	303	258	213	1645
Carla A. Goodwin	303	483	204	389	359	271	2009
John M. Webby	106	148	97	126	115	132	724
Michael J. Boyle (W/I)	204	311	89	229	176	142	1151
Other Write-ins	4	2	2	3	3	2	16
Blanks	168	276	128	186	181	142	1081
Total	1070	1606	720	1236	1092	902	6626
ASSESSOR (Three Years) (One)							
Charles C. Willis	349	532	252	432	358	303	2226
Write-Ins	5	13	3	2	2	6	31
Blanks	181	258	105	184	186	142	1056
Total	535	803	360	618	546	451	3313

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More than Two)

Lennart K. Altieri	344	506	200	400	354	273	2077
Marc R. Brockman	241	370	130	344	340	220	1645
Robert P. Mielde, Jr.	149	187	165	145	117	123	886
William S. Stenstrom	105	174	58	108	72	76	593
Write-Ins	2	0	1	4	3	0	10
Blanks	229	369	166	235	206	210	1415
Total	1070	1606	720	1236	1092	902	6626

BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years) (One)

Robert J. Kane	412	617	284	477	395	337	2522
Write-Ins	3	2	1	1	0	3	10
Blanks	120	184	75	140	151	111	781
Total	535	803	360	618	546	451	3313

HOUSING AUTHORITY (Five Years) (One)

Colin W. Gillis	121	213	97	144	174	137	886
Michael J. Malloy	266	414	165	338	222	192	1597
Write-Ins	1	2	2	1	0	1	7
Blanks	147	174	96	135	150	121	823
Total	535	803	360	618	546	451	3313

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More than Three)

David W. Brown	345	484	219	384	314	252	1998
John J. Kent	376	537	233	423	342	267	2178
Heidi M. Churchill	333	480	239	391	334	269	2046
Write-Ins	2	5	4	2	0	4	17
Blanks	549	903	385	654	648	561	3700
Total	1605	2409	1080	1854	1638	1353	9939

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1998

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 22nd day of June next, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

With Moderator Richard C. Dailey presiding, at 8:12 P.M., there being only 165 voters checked in, it was Voted to Dissolve the Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding wage increases and the cost of other benefits, negotiated between the Town and Local 144 International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO for fiscal years 1997, 1998 and 1999, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 1998 budget, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 35 approved at the March 22, 1965 Annual Town Meeting which provided for a World War Veterans Scholarship Committee to award Scholarships in June of 1965 and June of 1967 in the amount of $400.00 each per year for a four year term and to be awarded thereafter in alternate odd numbered years, by increasing the Scholarships for an amount not to exceed $1,000.00 and further to authorize the Committee to award Scholarships in an amount not to exceed $300.00 for students attending a vocational school or pursuing a course of study that includes special books, tools and other supplies, with such scholarships to be issued annually, and further that all scholarships shall be made from the interest generated by the principal sum of the fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of June in the year nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

William D. Hardin, Chairman
Patricia E. Webster, Clerk
Jeffrey L. Tufts
Carla A. Goodwin
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. June 5, 1998

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCES GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

Bristol, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries at:

Precincts 1, 2A, 2B, 4 - Easton Jr. High School, Columbus Avenue
Precincts 3, 5, 6 - Knights of Columbus Hall, Foundry Street (Route 106)

on TUESDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
LT. GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	SECOND COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	BRISTOL DISTRICT
SHERIFF	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	BRISTOL COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting. Given under our hands this 24th day of August, 1998.

William D. Hardin
Fred Clark
Patricia Webster
Jeffrey L. Tufts
Carla A. Goodwin
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

A True Copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk of Easton

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. August 26, 1998
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

STATE PRIMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, September 15, 1998. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One - J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, Ethel Gardner, Nicolina Previti, Albert Becker, Wilfred Roberge, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A and B) - Maureen Papineau, Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; Martha Gomes, Virginia Sullivan, Joan Healey, Eleanor Bridge, Gathry Hall, Mary Jane Wood, William MacMullen, Joseph Camara, Irene Roberge, Inspectors.

Precinct Three - Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, Ellen Clark, Inspectors.

Precinct Four - Elizabeth A. Porter, Warden; Robert E. Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Barbara Walsh, John Sullivan, Lorraine Anderson, Marjorie Jumpe, Inspectors.

Precinct Five - Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Blanche Hicks, Evelyn Simpson, Elizabeth Verity, Mary Quattrucci, E. Louise Vose, Louise McMenamy, Inspectors.

Precinct Six - Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman, Deputy Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Filimona Malcosky, William Sullivan, Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:

	Pct 1	Pct 2A	Pct 2B	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Democratic Party	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429
Republican Party	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138
Reform Party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	398	131	452	383	374	386	443	2567

The result of the Primary election was:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

GOVERNOR								
Brian J. Donnelly	63	9	64	57	56	56	49	354
Scott Harshbarger	91	30	125	100	87	103	107	643
Patricia McGovern	54	12	71	81	65	47	72	402
Blanks	1	1	5	6	3	1	13	30
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR								
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	67	20	82	75	72	70	88	474
Warren E. Tolman	104	23	120	128	95	105	97	672
Blanks	38	9	63	40	44	31	56	281
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429
ATTORNEY GENERAL								
Lois G. Pines	97	21	110	103	95	97	100	623
Thomas F. Reilly	105	28	142	132	109	105	122	743
Blanks	7	3	13	8	7	5	19	62
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429
SECRETARY OF STATE								
William Francis Galvin	150	39	187	181	150	143	172	1022
Blanks	59	13	78	63	61	64	69	407
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429
TREASURER								
Shannon P. O'Brien	153	37	187	183	151	146	174	1031
Blanks	56	15	78	60	60	61	67	397
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429
AUDITOR								
A. Joseph DeNucci	149	37	183	183	152	145	177	1026
Blanks	60	15	82	61	59	62	64	403
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (FOURTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2B, 3)								
Barney Frank	165	-	202	197	-	-	-	564
Blanks	42	-	60	47	-	-	-	149
Write-Ins	2	-	3	0	-	-	-	5
Total	209	-	265	244	-	-	-	718
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (NINTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 2A, 4, 5, 6)								
John Joseph Moakley	-	41	-	-	179	163	194	577
Blanks	-	11	-	-	32	44	47	134
Write-Ins	-	0	-	-	0	0	0	0
Total	-	52	-	-	211	207	241	711
COUNCILLOR (SECOND DISTRICT)								
Kelly A. Timilty	147	30	173	167	139	138	161	955
Blanks	62	22	92	77	72	68	80	473
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)

Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	160	38	187	-	145	145	-	675
Blanks	48	14	78	-	66	61	-	267
Write-Ins	1	0	0	-	0	1	-	2
Total	209	52	265	-	211	207	-	944

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3, 6)

Richard N. Driscoll	-	-	-	149	-	-	143	292
Carol Nathan	-	-	-	36	-	-	31	67
James E. Timilty	-	-	-	33	-	-	37	70
Blanks	-	-	-	26	-	-	30	56
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	244	-	-	241	485

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2A, 4, 5)

Geraldine Creedon	146	39	-	-	138	131	-	454
Steven M. Gabriel	43	6	-	-	51	58	-	158
Blanks	19	7	-	-	21	18	-	65
Write-Ins	1	0	-	-	1	0	-	2
Total	209	52	-	-	211	207	-	679

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 2B, 3, 6)

David L. Flynn	-	-	70	69	-	-	39	178
Michael L. Magoon	-	-	184	160	-	-	190	534
Blanks	-	-	11	15	-	-	12	38
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	265	244	-	-	241	750

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (BRISTOL DISTRICT)

Paul F. Walsh, Jr.	141	33	171	173	137	136	163	954
Blanks	67	18	94	71	74	70	78	472
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429

SHERIFF (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Joseph McIntyre	93	29	102	111	71	106	96	608
Robert J. St. Jean	41	3	36	31	36	29	29	205
Steven Michael Walsh	32	5	49	44	47	24	48	249
Blanks	43	15	77	58	57	48	68	366
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Maria F. Lopes	112	29	128	139	100	111	143	762
James W. Coyne, Jr.	48	10	55	58	57	51	44	323
Blanks	49	13	82	47	54	45	54	344
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	209	52	265	244	211	207	241	1429

REPUBLICAN PARTY

GOVERNOR								
Argeo Paul Cellucci	84	46	100	74	77	96	99	576
Joseph D. Malone	104	33	87	64	83	82	101	554
Blanks	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	7
Write-In	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR								
Janet E. Jeghelian	98	41	89	66	87	78	117	576
Jane Maria Swift	80	26	76	64	63	81	73	463
Blanks	11	12	22	9	13	20	12	99
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138
ATTORNEY GENERAL								
Brad Bailey	116	45	128	100	109	116	129	743
Blanks	71	34	58	38	51	62	68	382
Write-Ins	2	0	1	1	3	1	5	13
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138
SECRETARY OF STATE								
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	109	44	122	93	102	109	117	696
Blanks	79	35	65	46	61	70	85	441
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138
TREASURER								
Robert A. Maginn	113	44	118	84	101	109	117	686
Blanks	76	35	69	54	62	70	85	451
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138
AUDITOR								
Michael T. Duffy	108	41	115	86	102	104	114	670
Blanks	81	38	72	53	61	75	88	468
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (FOURTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2B, 3)								
Blanks	187	-	185	138	-	-	-	510
Write-Ins	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	5
Total	189	-	187	139	-	-	-	515
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (NINTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 2A, 4, 5, 6)								
Blanks	-	79	-	-	161	176	197	613
Write-Ins	-	0	-	-	2	3	5	10
Total	-	79	-	-	163	179	202	623

COUNCILLOR (SECOND DISTRICT)

Blanks	189	79	187	139	163	179	201	1137
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)

Blanks	189	79	187	-	160	179	-	794
Write-Ins	0	0	0	-	3	0	-	3
Total	189	79	187	-	163	179	-	797

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3, 6)

Jo Ann Sprague	-	-	-	89	-	-	124	213
Blanks	-	-	-	50	-	-	78	128
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	139	-	-	202	341

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2A, 4, 5)

Blanks	189	79	-	-	163	178	-	609
Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	0	1	-	1
Total	189	79	-	-	163	179	-	610

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 2B, 3, 6)

William E. Cole	-	-	116	98	-	-	123	337
Blanks	-	-	71	41	-	-	79	191
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	187	139	-	-	202	528

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Blanks	189	79	186	138	161	179	199	1131
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	7
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138

SHERIFF (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Thomas M. Hodgson	104	40	115	88	91	102	113	653
Blanks	85	39	72	51	72	77	89	485
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Blanks	189	79	187	139	163	179	198	1134
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Total	189	79	187	139	163	179	202	1138

REFORM PARTY

GOVERNOR

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SECRETARY OF STATE

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TREASURER

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

AUDITOR

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (FOURTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2B, 3)

Blanks	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	0
Write-Ins	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	0
Total	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (NINTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 2A, 4, 5, 6)

Blanks	-	0	-	-	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	-	0	-	-	0	0	0	0
Total	-	0	-	-	0	0	0	0

COUNCILLOR (SECOND DISTRICT)

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)

Blanks	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0
Total	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3, 6)

Blanks	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2A, 4, 5)

Blanks	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	0
Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	0
Total	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 2B, 3, 6)

Blanks	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SHERIFF (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCES GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 1998

Bristol, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries at:

Precincts 1, 2A, 2B, 4 - Easton Jr. High School, Columbus Avenue
Precincts 3, 5, 6 - Knights of Columbus Hall, Foundry Street (Route 106)

on TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	SECOND COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	BRISTOL DISTRICT
SHERIFF	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	BRISTOL COUNTY

LOCAL OFFICES

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTIONS

#1 - Setting Compensation of State Legislators
#2 - Public Campaign Financing
#3 - Tax Rate on Interest and Dividend Income
#4 - Electric Utility Industry Restructuring

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of October, 1998.

William D. Hardin
Fred Clark
Carla A. Goodwin
Patricia Webster
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Bristol, SS. Easton, Mass. October 20, 1998
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
John Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, November 3, 1998. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One - J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, Ethel Gardner, Nicolina Previti, Albert Becker, Wilfred Roberge, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A and B) - Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; Barbara Takach, Virginia Corte, Virginia Sullivan, Eleanor Bridge, Gathry Hall, Mary Jane Wood, William MacMullen, Joseph Camara, Irene Roberge, Inspectors.

Precinct Three - Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, Beverly Hanson, Florence Gormley, Rena Salkovitz, Rose Furlong, Ellen Clark, Inspectors.

Precinct Four - Elizabeth A. Porter, Warden; Robert E. Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Barbara Walsh, John Sullivan, Lorraine Anderson, Marjorie Jumpe, Laetitia Tremblay, Inspectors.

Precinct Five - Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Evelyn Simpson, Elizabeth Verity, Mary Quattrucci, E. Louise Vose, Louise McMenamy, Inspectors.

Precinct Six - Mary Norrman, Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Filimona Malcosky, William Sullivan, Jean Fisher, Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:

Pct 1	Pct 2A	Pct 2B	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

The result of the Election was:

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR								
Cellucci & Swift	680	193	484	568	652	624	651	3852
Harshbarger and Tolman	476	93	423	409	482	481	410	2774
Cook and Israel	16	10	15	20	20	23	16	120
Blanks	8	6	15	10	8	17	14	78
Write-Ins	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	8
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Brad Bailey	469	129	322	367	419	382	402	2490
Thomas F. Reilly	667	152	555	597	679	691	642	3983
Blanks	46	21	62	43	65	71	48	356
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	709	154	562	630	690	684	642	4071
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	362	119	258	284	342	331	333	2029
David L. Atkinson	45	10	43	36	54	41	43	272
Blanks	68	19	76	57	76	89	74	459
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

TREASURER

Bob Maginn	476	157	350	357	454	420	413	2627
Shannon P. O'Brien	630	113	503	562	624	610	577	3619
Merton B. Baker	22	8	21	27	24	29	36	167
Blanks	56	24	65	61	61	86	66	419
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci	639	127	507	576	606	614	580	3649
Michael T. Duffy	411	127	283	303	410	373	363	2270
Carla A. Howell	60	19	63	60	59	65	72	398
Blanks	74	29	85	68	87	93	77	513
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (FOURTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2B, 3)

Barney Frank	760	-	615	677	-	-	-	2052
Blanks	405	-	315	325	-	-	-	1045
Write-Ins	19	-	9	5	-	-	-	33
Total	1184	-	939	1007	-	-	-	3130

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (NINTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 2A, 4, 5, 6)

John Joseph Moakley	-	190	-	-	851	802	782	2625
Blanks	-	111	-	-	304	337	303	1055
Write-Ins	-	1	-	-	8	6	7	22
Total	-	302	-	-	1163	1145	1092	3702

COUNCILLOR (SECOND DISTRICT)

Kelly A. Timilty	738	162	575	651	746	729	693	4294
Blanks	444	139	360	351	415	412	396	2517
Write-Ins	2	1	4	5	2	4	3	21
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)

Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	787	189	616	-	786	732	-	3110
Blanks	393	113	321	-	373	410	-	1610
Write-Ins	4	0	2	-	4	3	-	13
Total	1184	302	939	-	1163	1145	-	4733

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3, 6)

Jo Ann Sprague	-	-	-	483	-	-	539	1022
James E. Timilty	-	-	-	456	-	-	474	930
Blanks	-	-	-	68	-	-	79	147
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	1007	-	-	1092	2099

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 1, 2A, 4, 5)

Geraldine Creedon	764	177	-	-	762	717	-	2420
Blanks	416	125	-	-	399	426	-	1366
Write-Ins	4	0	-	-	2	2	-	8
Total	1184	302	-	-	1163	1145	-	3794

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 2B, 3, 6)

William E. Cole	-	-	305	375	-	-	402	1082
David L. Flynn	-	-	480	446	-	-	484	1410
Stephen Elliott	-	-	80	126	-	-	143	349
Blanks	-	-	74	60	-	-	63	197
Write-Ins	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	939	1007	-	-	1092	3038

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (BRISTOL DISTRICT)

Paul F. Walsh, Jr.	729	160	574	662	739	704	680	4248
Blanks	450	142	364	345	422	440	412	2575
Write-Ins	5	0	1	0	2	1	0	9
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

SHERIFF (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Thomas M. Hodgson	489	160	345	388	447	432	467	2728
Joseph McIntyre	470	80	379	442	466	454	414	2705
Wayne G. Rego	26	4	20	20	31	14	27	142
Edward J. Wiley	28	10	24	22	29	27	21	161
Blanks	170	48	170	135	190	218	163	1094
Write-Ins	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Maria F. Lopes	569	116	454	526	563	552	555	3335
Patrick H. Harrington	221	55	154	178	209	194	182	1193
Joan E. Harwood	108	35	79	107	112	95	97	633
Blanks	286	96	252	196	278	304	258	1670
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (4 YR.) (NOT MORE THAN FIVE)

Ralph Armstead	759	194	606	661	724	674	675	4293
Eugene Kostecki	432	98	313	424	385	405	394	2451
Joseph W. Meaney	426	90	303	418	386	396	395	2414
David Nankin	410	92	293	387	374	392	372	2320
Warren W. Bush	264	82	205	246	228	249	255	1529
Jerry D. Lawrence	260	78	192	258	220	248	272	1528
Wayne E. McAllister	200	51	158	177	197	180	191	1154
Winnifred E. Petunkas	288	91	247	238	286	222	247	1619
Glenna Riley	301	65	224	237	258	250	267	1602
Blanks	2579	668	2152	1985	2755	2706	2388	15233
Write-In	1	1	2	4	2	3	4	17
Total	5920	1510	4695	5035	5815	5725	5460	34160

QUESTION #1 (Setting Compensation of State Legislators)

Yes	714	192	571	663	776	771	736	4423
No	383	99	287	282	323	315	299	1988
Blanks	87	11	81	62	64	59	57	421
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

QUESTION #2 (Public Campaign Financing)

Yes	622	171	510	575	680	677	662	3897
No	452	108	321	369	387	388	350	2375
Blanks	110	23	108	63	96	80	80	560
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

QUESTION #3 (Tax Rate on Interest and Dividend Income)

Yes	904	266	680	800	945	887	883	5365
No	181	29	156	149	135	180	134	964
Blanks	99	7	103	58	83	78	75	503
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

QUESTION #4 (Electric Utility Industry Restructuring)

Yes	746	186	595	650	748	708	741	4374
No	370	106	292	320	366	370	300	2124
Blanks	68	10	52	37	49	67	51	334
Total	1184	302	939	1007	1163	1145	1092	6832

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE, Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1998

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 9th day of November, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

Moderator Richard C. Dailey called the second Special Town Meeting of 1998 to order at 7:15 p.m. with quorum present.

The following non-registered voters were allowed into the hall: All non-residential Department Heads who shall attend per Charter, Section 2-4; Other Town Employees: Peter Huie, Town Engineer, Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance, Judy Fredericks, Asst. School Superintendent/Principal, Robert Smith, Andrew Miller, School Principals; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Robin Leal, Intern. Others: Fred Ames re Queset House property acquisition, Atty. Alexander Pires re Library, Queset; Patrick Dunn, Easton Journal; David Andrews and Robin Souza, Media One; Microphone Carriers Chris Johnson, Caitlyn Linde, Jenna Bourne, Lindsay Manning, David Fassett, Amanda Riggs, Cathleen Spadea; Patricia Jillson, Easton Bulletin; State Senator Robert Creedon; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; Nicky Sacco, 24 Center Street, non-citizen; David Hurley, 35 Howard Street.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding wage increases and the cost of other benefits, negotiated between the Town and Local 2790 International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO for fiscal years 1997 and 1998, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH, THE SUM OF $148,700 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING WAGE INCREASES AND THE COST OF OTHER BENEFITS, NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TOWN AND LOCAL 2790 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, AFL-CIO FOR FISCAL YEARS 1997 AND 1998. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $2,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing furniture for the Treasurer/Collector's Office, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $2,500 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING FURNITURE FOR THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash a sum of money to pay the cost of vacation buy-back for certain Town employees, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $52,759.08 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF VACATION BUY-BACK FOR CERTAIN TOWN EMPLOYEES. ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash a sum of money to pay the cost of electricity, heating, other utilities and related minor repairs to the NEG and LSIS Schools, necessary to maintain the buildings in good condition through the winter season, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $82,300 TO PAY THE COST OF ELECTRICITY, HEATING, OTHER UTILITIES AND RELATED MINOR REPAIRS TO THE NEG AND LSIS SCHOOLS, NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE BUILDINGS IN GOOD CONDITION THROUGH THE WINTER SEASON. ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Ch. 32B, Section 9D1/2, allowing the Town to pay an amount greater than 50-percent of the cost of providing health insurance for surviving spouses of employees and retired Town employees, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF MGL CH. 32B SECTION 9D 1/2 ALLOWING THE TOWN TO PAY 75-PERCENT OF THE COST OF PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF EMPLOYEES AND RETIRED TOWN EMPLOYEES. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $5,000.00 for the purpose of paying wages to senior citizens who work for the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $5,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING WAGES TO SENIOR CITIZENS WHO WORK FOR THE TOWN. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement departmental budgets for the current fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $228,439 OF WHICH $202,280 WILL BE RAISED FROM TAXATION AND $26,159 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS FOR THE CURRENT (FY'99) FISCAL YEAR, AS NOTED BELOW:

BOARD OF APPEALS - $2,000
ASSESSORS - $3,000
ACCOUNTANT - $2,533
SCHOOL - $100,000
POLICE OVERTIME/BUY-BACKS $66,159
TOWN CLERK - $800
BUILDING INSPECTOR - $6,947
DATA PROCESSING - $7,000
TOWN COUNSEL - $40,000

TOTAL $228,439

VOTED.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $5,789.92 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING BILLS INCURRED IN A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $650.00 to pay for legal fees incurred by the former Recreation Director in defending himself related to charges brought against him and resulting in a finding that there was no basis to the charges and no justification for disciplinary action, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $650 TO PAY FOR LEGAL FEES INCURRED BY THE FORMER RECREATION DIRECTOR IN DEFENDING HIMSELF RELATED TO CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM AND RESULTING IN A FINDING THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS TO THE CHARGES AND NO JUSTIFICATION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 35 approved at the March 22, 1965 Annual Town Meeting which provided for a World War Veterans Scholarship Committee to award Scholarships in June of 1965 and June of 1967 in the amount of $400.00 each per year for a four year term and to be awarded thereafter in alternate odd numbered years, by increasing the Scholarships for an amount not to exceed $2,000.00 and further to authorize the Committee to award Scholarships in an amount not to exceed $300.00 for students attending a vocational school or pursuing a course of study that includes special books, tools and other supplies, with such scholarships to be issued annually, and further that all scholarships shall be made from the interest generated by the principal sum of the fund, and further that the Town Treasurer be permitted to invest the principal amount of the fund in a manner consistent with Mass. General Law and her judgement, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AMEND ARTICLE 35 APPROVED AT THE MARCH 22, 1965 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WHICH PROVIDED FOR A WORLD WAR VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS IN JUNE OF 1965 AND JUNE OF 1967 IN THE AMOUNT OF $400.00 EACH PER YEAR FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM AND TO BE AWARDED THEREAFTER IN ALTERNATE ODD NUMBERED YEARS, BY INCREASING THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,000.00 AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMITTEE TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $300.00 FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OR PURSUING A COURSE OF STUDY THAT INCLUDES SPECIAL BOOKS, TOOLS AND OTHER SUPPLIES, WITH SUCH SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE ISSUED ANNUALLY, AND FURTHER THAT ALL SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE MADE FROM THE INTEREST GENERATED BY THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF THE FUND, AND FURTHER THAT THE TOWN TREASURER BE PERMITTED TO INVEST THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE FUND IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH MASS. GENERAL LAW AND HER JUDGEMENT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $50,000.00 to be added to the principal of the Veterans Scholarship Fund, for the purpose of granting scholarships to Easton students, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $2,000.00 to pay expenses, including but not limited to the hiring of bands, related to the conduct of the Holiday Festival Parade, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $2,000 TO PAY EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE HIRING OF BANDS, RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF THE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL PARADE. ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $50,000.00 to pay for the hiring of expert consulting services required to prepare a long-term maintenance plan on all Town buildings, to write plans and specifications suitable for public bidding and for other services related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $50,000 TO PAY FOR THE HIRING OF EXPERT CONSULTING SERVICES REQUIRED TO PREPARE A LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE PLAN ON ALL TOWN BUILDINGS, TO WRITE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC BIDDING AND FOR SERVICES RELATED THERETO.
VOTED.

Moderator Dailey ruled that Article 15 would be taken up before Article 14.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Continuing School Building and Site Committee effective upon the certification of final completion of the Richardson/Olmsted Schools, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen/School Committee)

VOTED TO DISSOLVE THE CONTINUING SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE UPON THE CERTIFICATION OF FINAL COMPLETION OF THE RICHARDSON/OLMSTED SCHOOLS. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a School Planning Committee comprised of nine (9) members appointed by the Moderator, two of whom shall be members of the School Committee, two of whom shall be members of the Finance Committee, the Superintendent of Schools as a member ex-officio and four members at large to recommend sites for new school facilities; to determine school program requirements; to select an architect; to work with the architect to develop building plans up to the design development stage; to prepare articles and presentations for Town Meeting and the general public in support of school building projects; and to coordinate with the Municipal Building Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen/School Committee)

VOTED TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF NINE (9) MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR, TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AS A MEMBER EX-OFFICIO AND FOUR MEMBERS AT LARGE TO RECOMMEND SITES FOR NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES; TO DETERMINE SCHOOL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; TO SELECT AN ARCHITECT; TO WORK WITH THE ARCHITECT TO DEVELOP BUILDING PLANS UP TO THE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT STAGE; TO PREPARE ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS FOR TOWN MEETING AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS; AND TO COORDINATE WITH THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The following counters were appointed and duly sworn by Town Clerk Janet Linehan: Walter Messcher, Barry DunKley, John Kent, Kate O'Reilly, Jim Rochel, Brian Hoffman, Christopher D'Arpino, Denise Higgins.

An amendment to add the words after determine, "the facilities necessary to implement" was not a vote 159 in favor, 212 not in favor. The Main Motion was a UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Building Committee comprised of nine members, with five members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, with one member serving an initial term of one year, two members serving an initial term of two years and two members serving an initial term of three years, all as the Board shall designate and all thereafter serving terms of three years. A minimum of two citizens appointed by the Selectmen shall possess demonstrable experience in building design, construction, operation or maintenance. The DPW Director, and the Superintendent of Schools shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the committee. Two members of the committee shall be appointed annually by the School Committee. The powers and duties of the Municipal Building Committee shall be as designated below:

1) Serve as a building committee for all School and General Government building projects valued at $50,000 or more including the design and construction of additions, renovations, remodeling and repairs to existing buildings and all new buildings.
2) Conduct inspections not less than once every five years of all School and General Government buildings and maintain a list of repairs necessary to maintain all buildings in good order.
3) Assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year Capital Improvement and Maintenance Plans for all School and General Government buildings consistent with the policies of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee.
4) Meet at least annually with the Town Administrator, Capital Planning Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, School Planning Committee and School Committee to review the 5-year Capital Improvement and Maintenance Plans,

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen/School Committee)

VOTED TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF NINE MEMBERS, WITH FIVE MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, WITH ONE MEMBER SERVING AN INITIAL TERM OF ONE YEAR, TWO MEMBERS SERVING AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS AND TWO MEMBERS SERVING AN INITIAL TERM OF THREE YEARS, ALL AS THE BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE AND ALL THEREAFTER SERVING TERMS OF THREE YEARS. A MINIMUM OF TWO CITIZENS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN SHALL POSSESS DEMONSTRABLE EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE. THE DPW DIRECTOR, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SHALL SERVE AS NON-VOTING EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE. THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE SHALL BE AS DESIGNATED BELOW:

1) SERVE AS A BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR ALL SCHOOL AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING PROJECTS VALUED AT $50,000 OR MORE INCLUDING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, REMODELING AND REPAIRS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS AND ALL NEW BUILDINGS.
2) CONDUCT INSPECTIONS NOT LESS THAN ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS OF ALL SCHOOL AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF REPAIRS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ALL BUILDINGS IN GOOD ORDER.
3) ASSIST THE DPW DIRECTOR WITH THE PREPARATION OF ANNUAL AND 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR ALL SCHOOL AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICIES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

4) MEET AT LEAST ANNUALLY WITH THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, FINANCE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLANS.

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

A motion to add a numbered section 5) as follows was NOT A VOTE: "evaluate the condition of structures and facilities on property being considered for purchase by the Town, and to report their evaluations and findings to the Board of Selectmen and to Town Meeting. Said evaluations and findings shall include any costs of altering the structures or facilities so that they are fit for municipal or school purposes." The Main Motion was a Unanimous Vote.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of closing and capping the sanitary landfill on Prospect Street, including engineering costs, bidding costs, surveying costs, equipment rental costs, contracting costs, material costs, testing costs, permit costs, and any other expenses related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow in accordance with the provisions of Ch. 44 of the General Laws; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $1.8MILLION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING AND CAPPING THE SANITARY LANDFILL ON PROSPECT STREET, INCLUDING ENGINEERING COSTS, BIDDING COSTS, SURVEYING COSTS, EQUIPMENT RENTAL COSTS, CONTRACTING COSTS, MATERIAL COSTS, TESTING COSTS, ERMIT COSTS, AND ANY OTHER EXPENSES RELATED THERETO; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $1.8MILLION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CH.44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file legislation authorizing the issuance of one (1) all alcohol package store license beyond the current quota as set by MGL Ch. 138 Sec. 17, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of making drainage repairs, and for engineering, survey, aerial photography and other related costs, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $40,000 TO PAY THE COST OF MAKING DRAINAGE REPAIRS, AND FOR ENGINEERING, SURVEY, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND OTHER RELATED COSTS. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $40,000 to pay on-going costs of cleaning-up a gasoline spill at the Police/fire Station on Lothrop Street and for necessary engineering and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $40,000 TO PAY ON-GOING COSTS OF CLEAN-UP OF A GASOLINE SPILL AT THE POLICE/FIRE STATION ON LOTHROP STREET AND FOR NECESSARY ENGINEERING AND RELATED EXPENSES. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the nonbinding report of the Planning & Zoning Board concerning its recommendation in regard to the proposed amendment of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Article 22, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein). (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE NONBINDING REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD CONCERNING ITS RECOMMENDATION IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AND ZONING MAP TO BE VOTED ON UNDER ARTICLE 22. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated March 19, 1997 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land from industrial to residential as detailed below:

1) Parcel shown on Assessor's Map U38 as Lot 9, consisting of 1.9 acres, more or less, and being owned by John J. and Marion L. Freitas;
2) Parcel shown on Assessor's Map U38 as Lot 10, consisting of 22,600 square feet, more or less, and being owned by John J. and Marion L. Freitas;
3) Parcel shown on Assessor's Map U38 as Lot 11, consisting of 22,900 square feet, more or less, and being owned by William J. Freitas, et al;

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen/Historical Commission)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED MARCH 19, 1997 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) AS FOLLOWS:

BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND FROM INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL AS DETAILED BELOW:

1) PARCEL SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP U38 AS LOT 9, CONSISTING OF 1.9 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING OWNED BY JOHN J. AND MARION L. FREITAS;
2) PARCEL SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP U38 AS LOT 10, CONSISTING OF 22,600 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING OWNED BY JOHN J. AND MARION L. FREITAS;
3) PARCEL SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP U38 AS LOT 11, CONSISTING OF 22,900 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING OWNED BY WILLIAM J.FREITAS, ET AL;

VOTED. 302 YES, 97 NO.

An amendment to delete Lots 9 and 10 from the motion was Not A Vote. A motion to close debate on the Main Motion was Not a Vote with 139 opposed, 238 in favor (2/3 required). Two new counters were appointed and duly sworn: Richard Reynolds and Charles Hammond to replace Barry DunKley and Kate O'Reilly who are on the Historical Commission and stepped down voluntarily to avoid a conflict as the Historical Commission made the original motion. The vote on the Main Motion carried 302 in favor, 97 opposed. A motion to reconsider Article 22 was Not a Vote.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to acquire for purposes of historic preservation, the land and buildings located thereon at 51 Main Street purported to be owned by Douglas A. King, as shown on the Town of Easton Assessor's Map U16 as Lot 4, said property containing 2.96 acres of land, more or less, and described in a Deed recorded in the Bristol County Northern Registry of Deeds at Book 2240, Page 300, and further to determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Ch. 44 of the General Laws, Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

A MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 23 WAS MADE AS FOLLOWS: TO COMMIT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR STUDY ARTICLE 23, AND FURTHER TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING AN OPTION TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS QUESET HOUSE AS SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP U-16, LOT 4. AND FURTHER TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING OR OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO DETERMINING THE VALUE OF QUESET HOUSE TO THE TOWN OF EASTON AND TO DETERMINE WAYS TO PROTECT THE HISTORIC NATURE OF QUESET HOUSE AND ITS ENVIRONMENT AND IF THE TOWN SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY AND FURTHER TO REQUIRE THAT A REPORT BE MADE TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE TOWN MEETING. ***NOT A VOTE.***

At 11:50 p.m. a motion to Adjourn to Monday, November 16 at 8:00 p.m. was Not A Vote. The Main Motion (the amendment) was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to acquire by purchase, for conservation purposes described in Chapter 40, Section 8C, Massachusetts General Laws, a certain parcel of land purported to be owned by Martha M. Tufts, Laura L. Nolan, Pauline E. Kirsh and Ronald Buck known as Lot 3 shown on a certain plan entitled "Plan of Land in Easton, Ma, 139 Poquanticut Avenue"; Dated: 07-08-98; Revised 07-27-98; Prepared by Gallagher Engineering, Civil Engineers/Land Surveyors, 4 Windsor Drive, Foxboro, MA 02035. Said Lot 3 containing 310,277 square feet, more or less. Said plan being recorded in the Bristol Northern County Registry of Deeds on August 06, 1998 in Plan Book 372, Pages 79.

Said land to be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts Statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Easton, and the Easton Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132 A, Section 11) and to enter into any contracts therefor, or apply for funds under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (P.L. 88-578) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase, and further to determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Ch. 44 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $150,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY MARTHA M. TUFTS, LAURA L. NOLAN, PAULINE E. KIRSH AND RONALD BUCK KNOWN AS LOT 3 SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAN ENTITLED "PLAN OF LAND IN EASTON, MA, 139 POQUANTICUT AVENUE"; DATED: 07-08-98; REVISED 07-27-98; PREPARED BY GALLAGHER ENGINEERING, CIVIL ENGINEERS/LAND SURVEYORS, 4 WINDSOR DRIVE, FOXBORO, MA 02035. SAID LOT 3 CONTAINING 310,277 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS. SAID PLAN BEING RECORDED IN THE

BRISTOL NORTHERN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS ON AUGUST 06, 1998 IN PLAN BOOK 372, PAGES 79.

SAID LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO SAID TOWN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, AND AS IT MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED AND OTHER MASSACHUSETTS STATUTES RELATING TO CONSERVATION, TO BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, AND THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR GRANTS AND/OR REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE SELF-HELP ACT (CHAPTER 132 A, SECTION 11) AND TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACTS THEREFOR, OR APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM (P.L. 88-578) AND/OR ANY OTHERS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SCOPE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND THE TOWN AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN TO EFFECT SAID PURCHASE, AND FURTHER THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $150,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CH. 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to acquire by purchase, for conservation purposes described in Chapter 40, Section 8C, Massachusetts General Laws, certain parcels of land purported to be owned by Oliver F. Ames identified on the Assessor's Maps as U9-40 containing 17.7 acres, more or less; U9-53 containing 11.2 acres, more or less, located at 254 Elm Street and 256 Elm Street, respectfully, with both parcels recorded in the Bristol Northern County Registry of Deeds, Book 1480, Page 785 and Book 2284, Page 0231, respectfully.

Said land to be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts Statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Easton, and the Easton Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132 A, Section 11) and to enter into any contracts therefor, or apply for funds under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (P.L. 88-578) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase, and further to determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Ch. 44 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $160,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY OLIVER F. AMES IDENTIFIED ON THE ASSESSOR'S MAPS AS U9-40 CONTAINING 17.7 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; U9-53 CONTAINING 11.2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT 254 ELM STREET AND 256 ELM STREET, RESPECTFULLY, WITH BOTH PARCELS RECORDED IN THE BRISTOL NORTHERN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 1480, PAGE 785 AND BOOK 2284, PAGE 0231, RESPECTFULLY.

SAID LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO SAID TOWN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, AND AS IT MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED AND OTHER MASSACHUSETTS STATUTES RELATING TO CONSERVATION, TO BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, AND THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN

ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR GRANTS AND/OR REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE SELF-HELP ACT (CHAPTER 132 A, SECTION 11) AND TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACTS THEREFOR, OR APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM (P.L. 88-578) AND/OR ANY OTHERS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SCOPE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND THE TOWN AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN TO EFFECT SAID PURCHASE, AND FURTHER THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $160,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CH. 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Fund previously established under Ch. 40 section 5 of the Mass. General Laws for use by the Conservation Commission in accordance with said General Laws or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $400,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE CONSERVATION FUND. ***VOTED.***

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase for recreation purposes a certain parcel of land known and numbered as 300 Foundry Street and purported to be owned by Thomas J. Curtin and Maria A. Curtin as shown on the Town of Easton Assessor's Map R16 as Lot 97, said property containing 5.74 acres of land, more or less, and described in a deed recorded in the Bristol County Northern Registry of Deeds at Book 4761, Page 72 and further to determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Ch. 44 of the General Laws, Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $300,000 TO PURCHASE, FOR RECREATION PURPOSES, A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AND NUMBERED AS 300 FOUNDRY STREET AND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY THOMAS J. CURTIN AND MARIA A. CURTIN AS SHOWN ON THE TOWN OF EASTON ASSESSOR'S MAP R16 AS LOT 97, SAID PROPERTY CONTAINING 15.74 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED IN THE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN REGISTRY OF DEEDS AT BOOK 4761, PAGE 72, AND FURTHER THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $300,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CH.44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS. ***VOTED. YES 141, NO 59.***

At 12:15 A.M. it was voted to DISSOLVE the Special Town Meeting. Total voters present - 523.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of October in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

William D. Hardin, Chairman
Patricia E. Webster, Clerk
Frederk W. Clark
Jeffrey L. Tufts

Carla A. Goodwin
Easton BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. October 23, 1998

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE, Town Clerk

AWARDS AND GRANTS RECEIVED BY VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS IN 1998

EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
MADD'S CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
BRISTOL COUNTY CHIEF OF THE YEAR
Prevention/Public Safety
Stanley Bates, Chief of Police

CENTRAL MA SAFETY COUNCIL
Commitment to Safety and Accident Prevention
Stanley Bates, Chief of Police

MADD'S AWARD
Officer of the Year
Gary Sullivan, Police Officer

GRANT AWARDS

The Copeland Fund (DARE)	5,000.00
State D.A.R.E. Summer Camp	10,000.00
Community Oriented Policing	50,000.00
State D.A.R.E.	15,000.00
State Grant-Police Vest	3,228.00

EASTON WATER DEPARTMENT

The Easton Water Division was invited to the State House on May 6, 1998, as part of the National Drinking Water Week activities and was presented with several awards. For the eighth consecutive year we have been rated by the D.E.P. as the Top Water System in the State and received a plaque for our Continued Excellence and Outstanding Performance and Achievement.

The D.E.P. presented is with the 1998 Groundwater Source Protection Award

The E.P.A. presented us with a Certificate of Appreciation for our Consumer Awareness

Heavy Equipment Operator, Richard Buckley, was honored at the Annual Massachusetts Water Works Association Recognition Night, receiving the 1998 "Water Works Pride Award" given to support staff that have demonstrated extra effort in the water works profession.

The Easton Water Division Tapping Team-Ray Keyes, John Fresh, Jr., Mike Berry, and Gerry Coletti, won the New England Water Works Title and went on to compete at the American Water Works Convention in Dallas, Texas.

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAFE Grant Awarded for fire safety education in the amount of $4,821.00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Joseph Pucillo and Alan Viall won First Place in Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Snow Plow Rodeo

EXECUTIVE LOSS CONTROL PROGRAM

1998 LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INTERLOCAL INSURANCE FOR EXCELLENCE IN RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY PROMOTION

ADMINISTRATION - MARTHA WHITE - ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

GRANT NAME	DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE	AWARD
MA. Public Library Construction Program	Library addition	$1,967,655.00
DEM Lakes & Ponds Grant	Study of Flyaway Pond	$10,000.00
National Park Service	Restoration of the Rockery	$12,260.00
DEP Community Septic Mgmt. Program	Septic system repair	$215,000.00
MA Preservation Projects Fund	Oakes Ames Hall - study of brownstone	$8,000.00
Easton Cultural Council	Production of "The Yellow Dress"	$1,000.00

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